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## FREDERICK THE GREAT AS A MUSICIAN

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BY ARTHUR M. ABELL.

There can be no doubt that Frederick's natural love for music was stimulated and developed more by Quantz's example and influence than by any other factor in the great king's life. Many anecdotes have been handed down to us, which tell their own tale of the firm friendship between monarch and musician.

At the chamber music concerts Quantz was the only one permitted to cry "Bravo" when the king played; but he was honest with his praise. While he never held back his bravo when the king deserved it, he withheld it when the nonarch played badly. Then Frederick would stop the performance and repeat the solo time and again until it went to Quantz's satisfaction. At such times Frederick showed not the slightest consideration for the other musicians or the few guests that happened to be present.

Quantz was equally honest and courageous in praising or censuring Frederick's compositions. Once when the orchestra was trying a new sonata by the king, the attention of all the musicians was attracted to an ill-sounding progression in open fifths. Philipp Emanuel Bach gave emphasis to the forbidden fifths, but he said nothing and the other musicians also kept their counsel. Quantz cleared his throat, but he, too, said nothing, as he, of course, could

FREDERICK THE GREAT AS PAINTED BY GRAFF.

not compromise the king before the others. A few days later Frederick conferred secretly with Franz Benda his concertmaster, and under his direction changed the passage, saying jokingly, "We must not let this place cause Quantz a sore throat."

Occasionally, as an anecdote in a former article illustrated, it came to an open conflict between subject and king. But these instances were rare. Quantz made with his own hands all of the flutes which he and Frederick played and he took particular pains with those fashioned for the monarch. Once Frederick complained, however, that it was impossible to play in tune on a new flute Quantz had just given him. Quantz, who was very sensitive on this subject, tried the flute himself and found it to be perfect. The king, however, declared that the flute was not true, even as played by Quantz. At this the latter lost his temper, saying, "If a great man could bear to hear the truth, then your Majesty would know that it is not the flute that is at fault!"

"How! What!" shouted the king, "you mean that I cannot bear to hear the truth? Tell me, then, what you consider to be the truth."

"I have repeatedly told your Majesty," replied the flutist, "that you are not to hold the flute in your hand or under your arm when not playing it, but that you are to put it on the table. You always keep it in your hands, however, and

the flute sounds out of tune because it is unevenly warmed; not because it is of itself untrue."

The king turned his back on Quantz and left the room in a rage, saying, "That is not true." For the next few



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days at the nightly concerts Frederick played on atrange flutes, and took no notice of Quantz. The latter in turn kept back his bravos. At the end of a week, one evening, just before the concert was to begin, the king went up to Quantz, saying, "My dear Quantz, I have tested the flute for the past eight days in different ways, and I find that you are right. I will no longer let it become warm in my hand."

It meant a great deal for a man of Frederick's position and obstinacy of character to unbend before his subject to this extent. As a general thing, however, the relations between the two men were of a most cordial nature. Quantz loved his king almost to the point of worship, frequently declaring that he "could not live without him."

Quantz's services to the art of music can scarcely be overestimated. He was the first man to become a really great virtuoso on the flute, and he paved the way for all the beautiful flute passages that later composers wrote. By numerous inventions he greatly improved the instrument itself. Before his time the flute was in a primitive condition. He himself made a large number of flutes, as his instruments were in great demand in all parts of Europe, particularly after Frederick's fame as a flutist spread abroad. Quantz tried all kinds of wood and finally decided that ebony was the best.

The manuscripts of this interesting musician's flute concertos are now the property of the Berlin Royal Library, which contains priceless treasures in the way of musical manuscripts and instruments. Quantz's compositions have long since been forgotten, and, indeed, even during his lifetime, they were little known outside of Berlin, for he composed them expressly for his king and not a note of all of his 300 concertos was ever printed until quite recently, when Breitkopf & Haertel published a concerto and a few movements from different sonatas in a work entitled, "Music at the Prussian Court," Quantz's concertos were written chiefly in the style of the Italian opera of



PREDERICK'S MUSIC ROOM AT SANS SOUCI.

the period. He was not a Handel or a Bach, but what he wrote served its purpose. He seems to have been influenced in his style by Vivaldi, a celebrated violinist of that day. Quantz always maintained that power of invention was the principal virtue of a composer. His concertos reveal an inexhaustible flow of melody beautiful and

lyric in character. His passage work, to be sure, is somewhat stereotyped, but if the dust of a century and a half could be brushed away, some of his best works would still be found charming, so far as invention goes.

Late one afternoon in 1746, when a concert at Sans Souci was in progress, a lackey announced that Johann Sebastian Bach had arrived and wished to pay his respects to the king. Frederick was visibly excited at the prospect of meeting the great Johann Sebastian, and the composer was at once received. The king, desirous of testing the veracity of the reports concerning Bach's marvelous powers of fugue writing, played on the clavecin a melody of his own invention and then requested Bach to improvise a fugue on it. This the great cantor did with such skill that Frederick and the entire orchestra sat there in open-mouthed astonishment. The tune that Frederick had given him pleased old Bach so much that he afterwards wrote it out in "eine ordentliche Fuge," as he expressed it. Bach then improvised four, five and six part fugues for a whole hour, until the little assemblage was speechless with astonishment. Frederick, like the Queen of Sheba, decided that the half had never been told. was made much of during his stay at the Prussian Court.



QUANTZ, THE TEACHER OF FREDERICK, IN HIS OLD AGE.
(From a sketch by Menzel.)

Frederick insisted on his testing every piano in the palace, which the great composer good-naturedly did. Bach, with lis phenomenal powers of hearing and his instinct for tone quality, had exerted a material influence on piano building of that period. In fact, he had given his personal assistance to Gottfried Silbermann, who built the best instruments between 1730 and 1750. Frederick had several of these pianos in his palace.

Philipp Emanuel Bach, the celebrated son of Johann Sebatian, although he was in the services of Frederick the Great for a period of twenty-seven years, never succeeded in getting into the good graces of the king as did Quantz. Himself an admirable composer and player on the clavecin, he found the king too much of a dictator and his own views on music did not always conform to those of Frederick. "The king," he once said, "is a great ruler of his country but not in the Empire of Art, where gods rule. An artist is a son of Heaven sent out by a higher power; he belongs to the world and the world to him, but he should not be subject to the dictation of the potentates of earth."

P. E. Bach felt that his talent was not fully appreciated at the Prussian Court, so he left the services of Frederick in 1767 and went to Hamburg, where he enjoyed greater freedom as an artist, and yet to his dying day he always declared that the proudest moment of his

life was when he accompanied on the clavicin the first flute solo that Frederick the Great played after his ascension to the throne

Christian Friedrich Fasch, Emanuel Bach as clavicin performer in Frederick's orchestra, was a man of very different character. He revered the very ground that his king trod. He was an excellent musician and accompanied Frederick so beautifully in his flute solos that the king finally requested him to express his opinion on his playing at the concerts. From that time on Fasch also was privileged to cry Bravo," a privilege he never indulged in, however, when Quantz was present.

Franz Benda, the concertmaster of the court orchestra, was in the services of Frederick for fifty-three years. He

entered the private orchestra at Rheinsberg when Frederick was crown prince and remained at his post until 1786, the year that both he and his mon: died. Born in 1709, Benda, like Quantz, had a hard struggle in his youth, but he suffered much greater early privations than the former had done. After under going many vicissitudes and changes of fortune he received an appointment in the Dresden Orchestra and from here. through Quantz's intervention, he was engaged by Frederick for his private band. Benda was highly praised by all of the violinists of the day. "His tone," wrote one of his contemporaries, beautiful, full and agreeable He possesses also great velocity and can play with perfect ease in the highest positions, but the power to sing on his instrument seems to be his greatest virtue and his most natural inclination. His cantabile is the best and most characteristic feature of his The Englishman, Burney, declared that often the passages in Benda's compositi were quite singable. Frederick the Great loved cantabile playing

and for that reason he had a very high opinion of Benda. very fond of him. He was also personally

(To be continued.)

#### A New Griswold Story.

Among other things that Putnam Griswold, the New York Metropolitan Opera Company basso, is bringing from Europe is a story he heard in Berlin, though it has to do with a farmer in Vermont. The granger in question, who lives in a section of the Green Mountains where automobiles are fairly familiar but motor cycles as yet but little known, was walking along a road when he jumped aside just in time to escape being run down by a Unfortunately, a motor cycle came tearing along in the dust behind, catching the farmer amidships. Picking himself up he exclaimed, somewhat dazedly: 'Gosh! I didn't know the pesky things had colts!'

Göttingen, one of the famous German university towns, to abandon its symphony concerts, as the City Council has withdrawn municipal support of the orches-

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#### Loudon Charlton's Booklet.

An illustrated booklet issued by Manager Loudon Charlton forecasts a musical season of unusual activity. The number of European stars who will visit America is shown to be greater than ever before, and many of them are coming under the Charlton management.

Johanna Gadski again heads the list, dividing her time between a four months' engagement at the Metropolitan Opera House, and a concert tour extending from October to Christmas

Efrem Zimbalist, the young Russian violinist who made such a deep impression on his initial American tour last winter, will arrive next month to remain the entire season.

concert feature of special interest will be the tour of Clara Butt, the noted English contralto and her

mand than ever, thus only a comparatively brief period will be available for concert.

Other well known artists on the Charlton list include: Putnam Griswold, leading basso of the Metropolitan Opera Company; Francis Rogers, baritone, long a recital and oratorio favorite, particularly in New York; Caroline Hudson-Alexander, soprano, who has repeatedly given evidence of a splendid vocal equipment; Mabel Beddoe, a Canadian contralto, who has been especially successful with her "Chansons en Crinoline"; and Edouard Dethier, the Belgian violinist.

There are two quartets, a vocal and an instrumental, on the Charlton list, the Persian Cycle Quartet, singing Bruno Huhn's "The Divan," with the composer himself at the piano; and the famous Flonzaley Quartet, which will be in America until May, giving

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seventy concerts.

#### German Organism.

Germany, the fons et origo of stirring national songs, is determined to use them to advance her political interests, and the Minister of Public Worship-a curious but interesting person to entrust the work to-is sending truckloads of these songs to the scattered German settlements in German Poland, in the hope that they may make good patriots of the Slavs, who hitherto have shown a firm determination to keep themselves apart. They do so partly under the Pan-Slavic enthusiasm, which yearly that great and imposing gathering of Sokols or avowedly gymnastic societies who out their souls in singing "Where We ourselves is our home?" are beginning to realize the value of song in binding the Pan-Anglican Empire together. Dr. Boyce's "Hearts of Oak" and Dr. Arne's "Rule Britannia" have done much for the country in days gone by, and we have lately had evidence that the Old

Country's music chanted by a Sheffield choir can still stir the feelings of the Oversea States to their depths, and that "Oh, Canada! our thoughts are all of thee," may rouse even a solemn Parliament to enthusiasm.-London Evening Standard.

With the object of improving the execution of religious music, the Prussian Minister of Public Instruction has decided that parishes sufficiently important to keep an organist or a choirmaster shall henceforth choose these from among the students leaving the Berlin Institute of Religious Music, or else not to bestow the vacant posts upon any except those who have obtained an official diploma as organist or choirmaster. A Prussian form of Registration, evidently!—London Musical News.

The Grand Ducal Music School at Weimar had ninetyeight students last season.



FACSIMILE FROM AN AUTOGRAPH MANUSCRIPT OF A FLUTE SONATA BY FREDERICK THE GREAT.

husband, Kennerley Rumford, baritone. Madame Butt and Mr. Rumford have long been favorites in England, while their tours of the Continent, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand have attracted large audiences. Their four months' visit to America will be made en route to Melbourne, via San Francisco

Another artist of renown will be Madame Charles-Cahier, an American contralto, who has won wide popularity in opera and concert in Germany, where she has lived for the last nine years. Madame Cahier sang two guest performances at the Metropolitan Opera House last season, and was promptly re-engaged.

Josef Lhevinne, the Russian pianist, returns for three months in the winter for a series of engagements which he could not fill last season because of the limited extent of his stay. He will visit the Pacific Coast, and likewise Mexico. Tina Lerner, the young Russian pianist, will come again in November, her tour extending to the extreme Northwest and to California. Another pianist announced is Carolyn Beebe, who has come into prominence through frequent solo and ensemble appearances in New York and elsewhere.

By arrangement with Howard Potter, Edmond Cleme the French tenor, again will be booked through the Charl-In opera, Clement's services are in more de-

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### BEHYMER MEETS MANY CELEBRITIES.

To The Musical Courier:

PARIS. August 20, 1912.

I am now on my last "lap" home on a journey which has given me the best musically (in German) in Germany, Austria, Switzerland, France (Paris) and London, and they have been moments well spent from the early strains of the wonderful music in Vienna in June-through the grand opera (Wagner) at Bayreuth, the Mozart festival plays at Munich-the Passion Play (Tyrolean music) in the Tyrol: the many orchestras scattered through the Kursaals of Switzerland to the grand opera (summer) in Paris, and the Symphony Orchestra in London, while the many side excursions to the homes of the artists themselves have added much to the enjoyment and the understanding of it all.

Mr. Blumenberg met me in Paris. He is really one of the best friends a man (or woman) may have in this business. He was just in from a motor trip with his family through the Provinces and although full of engagements found time to come to my hotel not once but twice and see if there was anything he could do to make life more

MARCELLA CRAFT AS SALOME

At the Royal Theater Grand Opera, Munich. Selected by Strause to portray the part and now atudying twenty roles for this

interesting or to help along the endeavor for a "bird of

Such touches of humanity make up the big symphony of life and makes one want to know more of such men. now know more than ever what makes Marc A. Blumenberg one of nature's noblemen and why so many love him so few hate him, and the last must always follow any successful man or woman.

I also had a splendid chat with one of your Paris representatives, my old friend Frank Patterson. He has at last found the environment which suits him and although the Parisian elusive franc is not as plentiful as the Pasadena (Cal.) dollar, still Frank seems content and is rapidly finishing his book on a musical subject that should make it a first seller.

In Munich I found another bright wide awake MUSICAL COURTER man, Brother Osgood, and I must say he is quite criginal and alive to all situations. We had some jolly times there, and among the "select" few were two California girls at the head of the Munich grand opera forces. Maud Fay, of San Francisco, I heard to good advantage in the roles of Donna Anna in "Don Giovanni," and as the Countess in "Figaro's Wedding." Miss Fay seems to have carved out a splendid position at the head of the artists at the Residenz Theatre; and to be able to stay almost indefinitely as I understand she has been re-engaged for five years more. She was a California girl who preferred a life of work in Europe to leisure in America and finds now that even America is demanding her.

At the Royal Grand Opera I found another California girl, receiving honors, and now seven years in a high position with three years more in the Italian and French operas, Marcella Craft, of Riverside, Southern California.

I am sending you a snap of her together with one of Mrs. H. H. A. Beach, the composer and myself, also Miss Craft in one of her principal roles. Strauss selected her from all the rest to create his "Salome" in Munich



MADAME SCHUMANN-HEINK AS ERDA. Her farewell to Munich grand opera, August 20, 1912.

and she sang it twenty-one times, and it is a powerful conception. Also D'Albert in the first presentation of 'Tiefland" gave her the leading role. She will eventually, I hope, come to the States, for really the Metropolitan as well as Brother Dippel should look out for both these girls. In fact, they already have "offers" but are simply waiting for the right one and they have Europe so well open to them that they can afford to wait.

Mrs. Beach has found such cosy surroundings that she remain in Munich this winter.

Along the shore of Lake Geneva I found such splendid summer idlers, if you could call them idlers, for they are all hard at work. Harold Bauer at Vevey and his dear wife gave me a most hearty welcome and a magnificent day. Just "over the hill" are located Josef Hofmann and his wife, and a little farther, working again on their most perfect programs for as they say "critical America," are the Flonzaley Quartet, and that splendid master of the piano, Ignace Paderewski is content to idle away a few days in the open around this gem of Switzerland waters.

Away up in Bavaria, Ossip Gabrilowitsch and his talented wife are resting and working. He is preparing fifteen big programs for Berlin this winter and almost all the places taken already. He was not feeling quite well but expected with a little rest to be all "to the good" in

Madame Schumann-Heink was singing her farewell as Erda at Munich and expected to sail with her son



Ferdinand on the S. S. Cleveland, August 22, from Ham-

In Paris, I heard Oscar Seagle, and I must say he is doing surprisingly well. He gave me a little supper and

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farewell party. Arthur Alexander, of Los Angeles, and his wife had just arrived and he will do a lot of work this year. Charles Bowes, of Los Angeles, a basso, absent for six years, holds a splendid position in Paris, and Mary Le Grand Reed, of Toronto, who spent some time with us in the West, is also quite successful in concert work. Von Warlich is looking forward to his next American



MARCELLA CRAFT

tour as his best yet, and Madame Genee seems fully satisfied with her prospects.

Kitty Cheatham certainly has a splendid tour arranged for the West and Isadora Duncan thinks her tour of America will exceed anything she has ever done. While in Paris I attended the Grand Opera, it was

"Aida," surely put on in a most sumptuous manner.

I called on M. H. Hanson at the Grand Hotel, but

found him out (hearing voices), and was forced to miss him as I left that night for London. It has been a "bully" trip and I am content to come home.

L. E. BEHYMER.

#### Madame Hudson-Alexander's Repertory.

Perhaps there are few public singers with a larger or more varied repertory than that possessed by Madame Caroline Hudson-Alexander, the popular soprano, whose concert and oratorio appearances will in future be under the management of Loudon Charlton. This singer is familiar with practically every standard work, while her recital repertory embraces a seemingly almost endless list of classical compositions in addition to many novelties. As for her operatic roles, Madame Hudson-Alexander's programs of the past season contained arias from delio," "Figaro," "Herodiade," "Queen of Sheba," Diavolo," "Louise," "Mephistofele," "La Boheme," "La Boheme," and William Tell," an unusual list considering the comparatively few years the singer has been before the public.

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#### MUSIC IN BUFFALO.

Many musicians are returning from their vacations, among them being Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Jury from Muskoka, Mr. and Mrs. Louis J. Bangert from Sparrow Lake, Mary M. Howard from Bala Falls, Muskoka, Mrs. Walter B. Hawke from Lake George, and Sophie Blakeslee from a two months' trip to the Pacific Coast.

Frances Helen Humphrey, who has been spending the summer in Paris, expects to reach New York, via steamer La France, on September 10, and will arrive in Buffalo a few days later. Madame Humphrey has not been idle during her vacation, but has been studying assiduously.

The Gounod Choral Club, of which William J. Sheehan has been re-engaged as director, will begin its eighth season on Tuesday evening, September 17, giving to its members excellent training in part singing. Mr. Sheehan is also conductor of the Grieg Chorus, a recently organized society of mixed voices at South Buffalo.

Last Sunday evening from 6 to 9 o'clock at the Iroquois Hotel the following musical program was given: Overture, "The Barber of Seville," Rossini; characteristic, "Tanzweise," Meyer Helmund; soprano solo, "Serenade." Schubert; "Reve Angelique," "Kamennoi Ostrow," Rubinstein; baritone solo, "Vulcan," Gounod; waltz, "Tales from the Venetian Woods," Strauss; duet, "Allah Be With Us," Chadwick; selection, "Bohemian Girl," Balfe; soprano soli, "Summer Morn," Ronald, "Hi Lil' Feller," Riker; valse, "Triste" from "Kuslema," Sibelius; baritone solo, "A Perfect Day," Bond; suite, "A Day in Venice," Nevin; duet, "Oh! Beautiful Day," Hildach; rhapsody, "Slavonic," Friedmann. Iroquois Orchestra, Joseph A. Ball, director. Mrs. Charles August Storck, soprano; Charles McCreary, baritone.

Margel Gluck, violinist, will have a twenty weeks' tour this season under the management of Antonia Sawyer. Miss Gluck will be associated in concert with Myron Whitney, Jr., basso.

Fred Starr True, the popular basso soloist of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, was engaged to sing at the centennial celebration of the Choral Society of Perry, N. Y., on September 4, with William J. Gomph as accompanist. W. J. Raya is director of the society.

The Graduates' Association has arranged a series of entertainments for this season, that of January 31 to be a talk by Clara Diehl on Wagner's trilogy, the "Nibelungen Ring." Miss Diehl will illustrate at the piano.

James V. Lewis, organist and piano teacher, has returned from a delightful summer abroad. While there Mr. Lewis met several eminent musicians.

The Mozart Club held its annual election of officers at the home of Laurie Adams, director of the club. The officers for the following year are: President, Mrs. William Holler; vice-president, William McKnight; secretary, Dorothy Schwenk; treasurer, E. Roy Sampson.

Mrs. Howard Hamilton Baker gave the first of a series of "at home" musicales in honor of Helen Heinemann, dramatic soprano, of New York. A delightful program was presented by Helen Heinemann, dramatic soprano; Ruth Stanton, violinist; Clara Gentzsch McGuire, pianist, and Mrs. Howard Hamilton Baker, dramatic contralto. Miss Heinemann gave much pleasure to her audience by her delightful rendition of operatic selections from "Romeo and Juliet," "La Tosca," "Tannhäuser" and "Flying Dutchman," besides several German concert songs.

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W. Ray Burroughs, organist and director of the Delaware Avenue Baptist Church, and Mrs. Burroughs, have returned from their vacation on the Eastern coast. Mr. Burroughs has planned the following program to be given by his choir this season: October 6, "The Music of Heaven"; November 3, cantata, "Two Harvests" (new), by Dr. Ferris Tozer; December 1, "Christ, the Good Shepherd"; December 22 (Christmas) morning, special music; evening, cantata, "Bethlehem," by J. H. Maunder; January 5, 1913, "The Soul of Men" (selections from Shelley's cantata, "The Soul Triumphant"); February 2, oratorio, "Elijah," by Mendelssohn; March 2, cantata, "Penitence,



GREETINGS FROM A. J. AND FLORENCE A. GOODRICH.

Pardon and Peace," by J. H. Maunder; April 6, cantata, "The Life Everlasting," by H. A. Matthews; Easter Sunday, cantata, "From Death to Life" (new), by J. C. Bartlett; May 26, patriotic service; June 1, music from the oratorios of G. F. Handel. Special choir concert (date to be announced later), Haydn's oratorio, "The Creation."

Julius Singer, violinist and teacher, reopened his studio on Baynes street, Tuesday, September 2. In order to give an opportunity to students to become familiar with the literature of the string orchestra Mr. Singer has a class for ensemble playing.

Cora Julia Taylor.

#### George Sweet's Artist Pupils.

George Sweet has been in town most of the summer teaching and coaching some of his artist pupils at the Sweet studio in the Metropolitan Opera House Building; Mr. Sweet will begin his autumn term September 15.

Mabel Beddoe, the Canadian contralto; Katherine Bloodgood, the American contralto; George Dixon, the Canadian tenor, and several others are to join their teacher

A letter from Miss Beddoe informs Mr. Sweet that she will begin on September 25; Miss Beddoe has passed her holiday in the Canadian wilds, enjoying the out of door life. She says all have been amazed "at the progress made under Mr. Sweet's tuition."

Mr. Dixon, writing from London, denies the statement recently published in a Canadian paper that he is studying with a teacher in Italy. "You," adds Mr. Dixon in his letter to Sweet, "are the only instructor I need."

The wife of Lieut. Benjamin S. Berry, of the United

The wife of Lieut, Benjamin S. Berry, of the United States Marine Corps, who is a Sweet pupil, writes that she has sung with success at several musicales near Highland Mills, N. Y.

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#### MUSIC IN KIEV.

The twenty-five hours' journey from Cracow, Galicia, to Kiev, S. W. Russia, was interrupted at the end of the first hour's run. A railway wreck nine hours before had piled up on the route a great assortment of rolling stock and promiscuous grain and freight. It was necessary for all passengers and baggage to leave the one train and get past the wreckage to the substitute train which had been sent from the other end of the division. Ten hours after the arrival at Kiev another wreck occurred on a part of the line just traversed, and this time several persons were Since then there have been other derailments in Southwest Russia, and it is thought that evil minded persons have been placing obstacles on the tracks. For the rest of the journey, Cracow to Kiev, there was much travel over very fertile and beautiful country, but little to excite except to have a copy of THE MUSICAL COURIER held at Podwolochisk for the border censor.

There an official asked for seventy kopecks to pay the examination, but it were foolish to pay the thirty-five cents for a copy of the paper unless one's picture were on the cover page and two columns of blueble oded biography inside. The paper was abandoned at Podwolochisk. The traveler had precluded all other bother with the cusby packing baggage without ballast, so that that might be also true which was written, "And behold, the traveler hath but one shirt."

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The programs of the summer symphony orchestra at Kiev show strong allegiance to earlier and modern Russian composers, and a garden theater supports nationalism by giving folk drama and light musical plays in the dialect of Minor Russia. The picture shows and vaudeville establishments are running full time to entertain those Russians who are prevented from going away to West Euro-pean pleasure or cure resorts. Within a week the garden theater of so-called Ukrainian artists has given Smetana's



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opera of the "Bartered Bride" and F. W. Levitzky's unique conglomeration of Old Yiddish musical melodrama under the title of "Sulamith." In the same city merchants' garden, the symphony orchestra under Alexander Orloff has given Sergei Taneieff's new second symphony almost before the ink is dry on the score. There has been oppor tunity to hear other good music seldom or never given in Germany, as the Glazounow ballet music of "The Sea-sons," his "Oriental Rhapsody" on original themes in the manner of the Caucasian tribes, and selections by Kalinnikow and Glinka.

The summer garden symphony orchestras in Russia give great attention to spreading the local fame of their re-spective solo members, and this is done with a definite aim aside from the usual recognition due an artist. The practice rests upon the system of so-called benefit concerts. which are a part of the salary contract of each solo leader of an orchestral division. This means that some time within the four months' season of May to September, the concertmaster, the solo cellist and a number of others have been given their own evenings of solo programs with orchestra, and the net receipts belong to the artist. player has attained popularity in the first months of the season, there is a chance for him to earn a substantial addition to his fixed monthly salary. And this system of benefits is in force with all operatic and dramatic organ-izations in Russia. From the above it will be understood why the daily concert program in Kiev has the entire list of its solo personnel described there as follows: Violins— First concertmaster Anton Bergler, concertmaster and soloist of the St. Petersburg Imperial Theater; second con-certmaster I. Mestyetchkin, first concertmaster and soloist of the Symphony Concerts Imperial Musical Society in St.

Petersburg; solo violinist Elfrida Boos, laureate of St. Petersburg Conservatory, and M. Belsky, concertmaster of



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the Kiev Opera. Concertmaster of second violins, S. Chasin, soloist of the Kiev Opera: viola, S. Sherman, soloist;

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of the Kiev Opera; cello, B. Stepinsky, laureate of St Petersburg and Leipsic conservatories, and D. Mogilewsky, free artist; contrabass, O. Boyachek, professor of the Imperial Society's music school in Kiev; flute, W. W. Leonow, professor of the Moscow Philharmonic school and



ALEXANDER ORLOFF.

soloist of the Moscow Imperial Opera; oboe, P. Berger, soloist of the Kiev Opera; English horn, K. Schimunek, soloist of the symphony orchestra at Helsingfors; clarinet. L. Chasin, soloist of Kiev Opera; bassoon, I. Mann, solo ist of Kiev Opera; waldhorn, G. Ephraimow, artist of the

Moscow Imperial Opera; trumpet, A. Lebedew, soloist of Moscow Symphony Orchestra; trombone, P. Fasshauer and E. Itkis, soloists of the Kiev Opera; tuba, G. Chrolinsky, soloist of Kiev Opera; harp, P. Biriolin, laureate of St. Petersburg Conservatory. Of the personnel as above, the veteran contrabassist and composer, Boyachek, is assistant conductor for the orchestra's concerts, and a popular concert under his direction was heard during the stay

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The Yiddish melodrama "Sulamith" was put on the bilis as a compilation by Levitzky, but it was difficult to find who knew where the respective materials were from. The conductor of the work said that he didn't know. The materials were considered old and traditional, and finally someone said that they were Yiddish, impressive numbers, but as an entire evening's entertainment they suffer badly for want of a uniform style. In Kiev the performance was preceded by selections from Italian opera, played by the orchestra of fourteen men, and the effect was poor. Except for this crude orchestra, Smetana's "Bartered Bride" received creditable performance, the principals and chorus doing very good work. The theater's very best work is in plain drama, where the native talent of the artists comes to its validity in porof a wide range of character. The building in which these folk plays and light operas are given is a primitive shell with two low balconies. The rafters, beams and posts are all in plain view. There is never any outlay for paint for the interior. On the whole it answers its purpose well, though the improvised effects of rain on the roof and street car motors ascending a neighboring hill cannot be approved of for operatic performances.

If the Russian calendar comes along with its dates thirteen days behind European and new world style, so the Kiev concert which was set for 8:30 began "Russian style," five minutes before nine. The Tanejeff second symphony worth waiting for, however. This composer has long held an especially strong position as creator of chamber music, in which branch he has a large output. So did he work fifteen years on a book of counterpoint before publishing. He has been long known to have in print a sym-



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phony which is seldom played, though enough to have earned a reputation of being dry. On hearing the second symphony, one falls into doubt about the alleged dryness of the first. The second has a very great deal of Russian character in its themes and Taneieff is particularly a master to exploit it. The first movement materials principally in hearing were the first plaintive song for oboe, a boisterous Russian dance in much development, about fugal, a half-choral episode and some beautiful cantabile before coming back to the dance and the oboe song. scherzo begins mildly but becomes Russian and boisterous in even beat and heavy accent, with a sustained episode and a bit of droning of the horns. The half-funereal adagio, only one theme, or at least the movement keeps unusually close to one general character. The finale, marked allegro vivacissimo, means that there is to be some playing as fast as the men can manipulate the orchestral apparatus, and in Russia that is thirteen points faster than European Here is some compensation for the twenty-five minutes' delay in beginning, and the thirty-two minutes' in-termission which follows the giving of the symphony. The Taneieff finale is in dance rhythm not unlike ragtime, with much noise by the horns, some fine cantabile, then again the dance manner, again followed by cantabile in a fugato, and ever again the ragtime manner in a very wild exploitation, in which the tempo really becomes much faster than is ever heard in Germany. It will be seen that the finale has changed its manner frequently, and this is an im-pression especially obtained from the composer's new plano quintet of last season. Nevertheless the quintet contained good music in various particularly brilliant playing at-tributes, and this symphony is brilliant, if not actually more hoisterous and Russian than is needed to accord with

sober European standards. The time needed for performance is only thirty-two minutes, Russian style.

Glazounow's entire music to the ballet of "The Seasons" has, besides the four main divisions, a total of seventeen subdivisions, requiring thirty-five minutes to play. For the winter picture there are an introductory andante, then frost, ice, sleet and snow. The spring picture includes a dance of the roses, a spring dance, and dance of the birds. Summer begins andantino and brings a waltz of the cornflower and poppies, a barcarolle and a dance of the grain, the latter marked by clarinet solo. The autumn brings two bacchanales and a procession of the four seasons. The latter bacchanale is in four divisions for the satyrs and fauns, the rain and falling of the leaves, dusk, and the fine fiber through The music is of very Since Glazounow is a particularly skilled master of orchestral color, this ballet music gives opportunity to employ his imagination to the fullest. There are unusually thoughtful inventions for the harp, effective employment of the snare drums, and in fact every phrase of the score abounds in color and life. Some days after hearing the Glazounow ballet music, his interesting "Oriental Rhapsody" was also heard in rehearsal. It is built on the composer's own themes in the manner of the Caucasian Tartars. The orchestra found the work to present the greatest imaginable difficulty, on account of the rhythm, the unending trills and the great tempo assumed for performance. The work leaves an impression of very strange music. It should not be confounded with the same composer's "Oriental Dance" for orchestra. Glazounow recently spent a few days in Kiev, when he conducted his fifth symphony. Conductor Orloff is a very agreeable artist who makes no unnecessary movements on the stand, but secures fine playing at all times.

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The Kiev publishing house of Leon Idzikowski, established in 1859, formerly had most of the early compositions of Paderewski. These works were all contained in the firm's half century catalogue of 1909, but they are all omitted from the latest catalogue. One may infer that the composer ought them all up for his own control. These works in cluded his two piano morceaux of op. 1, variations and fugue, op. 11, sonata, op. 21, variations and fugue, op. 23, A minor concerto and Polish fantasie, op. 17 and 19, the piano and violin sonata, op. 13, a dozen Polish songs of op. 7 and 9, with German and English texts, twelve songs of op. 22 on French poems of Catulle Mendes, and a great many piano solo pieces, as three Polish dances, op. 5, six of op. 9, a May album of five romantic pieces, op. 10, an album of six popular dances, op. 12, six concert humoresques, op. 14, three tableau, "Dans de desert" in form of a toccata, op. 15, and seven miscellaneous pieces of op. 16. Among other material found in this catalogue are the second piano concerto in C sharp minor, by Ch. V. Alkan, A. Chlebowski's "Karnaval of Kishineff" on national Moldau motives, B. Jankowsky's F sharp minor sonata, op. 1, Jaronski's ten Ukrainian airs set for piano, fifty themes of Podol Ukrainia and Minor Russia, assembled by Zentarsky and set for piano by Kocipinski. N. Lissenko has a vast material on themes of Minor Russia, also a sonata, op. 16. Here are also A. Dunajewsky's old Yiddish historical opera, "Bar-Kochba," or "Last Hour of Zion," in a prologue and five acts; further, the seven operas by St. Moniuszko, including "Halka," "Hrabina," "Javby St. Moniuszko, including Haika, Hrabita, Javinuta," "Strazny Dvor," "Verbum Nobile," "Widma" and "Zamek na Czorsztynie." Much of this material arouses speculation as to the Minor Russian and Polish musical literature of former generations, while much of it could still serve as a study of the national music of those locali-EUGENE E. SIMPSOF

#### Adele Kruger in the White Mountains.

Because her own residence on Staten Island is so pleasant and cool. Adele Krüger prefers to take her vacation in September, and, accordingly, is spending this month as a guest at the Mount Washington, Bretton Woods, one of the loveliest of all places in the White Mountains.

During the summer Madame Krüger did considerable coaching and therefore has added new arias and songs to her repertory. The voice of this singer, a rich and even dramatic soprano, is well suited to Wagnerian numbers, and it is as a Wagner singer that she has won distinction. particularly at saengerfests held in the West and South Next year, when the Wagner centenary is to be observed, Madame Krüger will surely have her share of the engagements in which one of the greatest musical geniuses of

age will be honored in affairs small and great.

Madame Krüger has several interesting recital programs ready; her season will begin some time in October and will continue on through the summer of 1913.

At Ischl, the Vienna Tonkünstler Orchestra gave a Brahms concert recently whose proceeds were donated to the fund toward the erection of a Brahms monument in the popular Austrian watering place where the great composer spent so much time.

#### Carl in Lausanne.

William C. Carl has been a guest at the Chateau D'Oex, in Lausanne, Switzerland, for a month. The accompany-



ing picture shows the hostelry and a wonderful little church on the hill, which Mr. Carl has attended while resting in this lovely spot. The distinguished organist finds Europe unusually cold this summer.

This week, Carl will be in Paris, where he remains

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#### Schelling and His Pets.

In the accompanying view, Ernest Schelling is shown at Garengo, his villa, in Celigny, Switzerland, at play with



SCHELLING AND HIS PETS AT GARENGO, HIS VILLA. CELIGNY, SWITZERLAND,

his canine pets. He is a dog fancier and his dogs return the compliment, for they fancy him.

#### Another Western Tour for Gruppe.

Few artists score more successes than Paulo Gruppe, the popular Dutch cellist. His tour of the Pacific Coast, last year, won him so much favor that his managers, Haensel & Jones, recently closed a contract for ten concerts to take place in the Northwest Pacific Coast cities during the month of February, 1913.

Edythe Walker, who intended to leave the Hamburg Opera, has just signed to remain there for another five

#### OLGA AND OLGA.

SCHWERIN, Mecklenberg, August 30, 1912.

To The Musical Courier:

Your last number, received here today, dated August was splendid. I am a subscriber, formerly residing in Berlin. In that number, one Olga finds some errors in one of Mr. Abell's able articles on Frederick the Great. At the close of her explanations, said Olga says that Bismarck managed to have William, King of Prussia, pro-claimed "Emperor of Germany and since that time the King of Prussia is also the Emperor of Germany" on your life! as we Berlin music students who associated with American music students used to say.

See page 26, August 21, Musical Courier, third column, and you will see that you accept her amendment. I do not. My name is also Olga and I say that there is no emperor of Germany and there has never been one. The King of Prussia is, since the declaration of Versailles, German Emperor, "Deutscher Kaiser," and that is an entirely different proposition, as all of us here in Germany know and as those outside of Germany know who follow the legal status of our great empire. Hoch der Deutsche Kaiser, because there is no "Kaiser von Deutschland." Where is there a political Deutschland? But there is a Kaiser who is Deutsch, you bet. Please accept my amendment with thanks. Yours,

OLGA KRUSKEL (née SPONTSKY.)

#### Butt-Rumford American Recitals.

Of the fifty concerts which Clara Butt, the English contralto, and her husband, Kennerley Rumford, baritone, will give in America next winter, it is probable that at least eight will be demanded in New York and immediate vicinity. The great vogue, long enjoyed by these two singers abroad is familiar, particularly to those Americans who have attended or read of their remarkable London concerts. On these occasions (and especially at the Crystal Palace, where as many as 25,000 persons have attended a concert) remarkable demonstrations have been the rule, the enthusiastic outbursts at times suggesting a political gathering rather than a sedate British concert audience.

That similar enthusiasm will be aroused by the Clara Butt-Kennerley Rumford concerts in America, Loudon Charlton, who is booking the tour, is confident. The concerts in New York will be so arranged as to reveal each side of Madame Butt's varied art, some of the appearances being orchestral, some conventional recitals, and still others of a popular character with assisting artists. Similarly the country at large will have an opportunity to express its preference.

Referring to their last Albert Hall concert, the London Globe remarked:

It is not without reason that Clara Butt and Mr. Kennerley It is not without reason that Clara Butt and Mr. Kennerley Rumford are so popular. Their program on Saturday was a typical example of a judgment that provided for every variety of taste. Mr. Rumford sang Strauss, Wolf and Brahms, as well as English songs by Stanford, Vaughn Williams and Hermann Lobr. Madame Butt's contributions were equally varied, and ranged from Gluck and Beethoven to Leoni and Liddle, without forgetting the claims of the French school as represented by Augusta Holmes and Debussy. Neither singer's merits need fresh culogy.

Madame Butt and Mr. Rumford are due in America early in January. They will visit this country on their

#### Concert at Northport Yacht Club.

The Kathryn Van Iderstine Quartet presented the fol-owing program at the Northport (L. I.) Yacht Club, Monday, September 2: Duet from Thais, ..... Thais, Athanael. ... Massenet 

#### Slezak Engaged for Pacific Coast.

Leo Slezak, the Bohemian tenor of the Metropolitan Opera Company, New York, who will devote the month of February to concert engagements, has been engaged for five appearances on the Pacific Coast.

#### MUSIC AT WOMEN'S CLUBS CONVENTION.

Music was given a prominent place in the proceedings of the Eleventh Biennial Convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, held at San Francisco, Cal., June 24 to July 5, inclusive.

Emilia Tojetti (chairman), Mrs. David Hirschler and Henrietta Stadtmuller comprised the committee for music, and the excellent results accomplished by these enterprising ladies in behalf of the melodic muse at this big convention are clearly revealed in the appended interesting program which enlisted, in addition to those of Alexander Heinemann, the noted Berlin lieder singer, the services of a number of artists prominent in San Francisco and vicinity:

MONDAY EVENING, JUNE 24, 1912, AT 8:15.

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Overture, Mid-	summer Night's	Dream	Mendelssohn
Andante from	C minor (Tragic)	symphony	Schubert
Serenade (strir	ng orchestra)		Perlet
			Perlet
			County Indians.)
Spinning Song		*************	Mendelssohn
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Quartet, Hail, Smiling Morn......Spofforth
Baritone solo, O, For a Breath of the Moorlands...Whelpley
Contralto and tenor duet, La Notte.....Milolotti
Quartet, Estudiantina....Lacome
Soprano solo, Sunlight.......Lacome
Quartet, Song of the Vikings......Faning
WEDNESDAY EVENING, JUNE 26, AT 8:15.

The Lord Is My Shepherd......Barglel 

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Seguedilla (Carmen) Bizet

Mra. M. E. Blanchard.
Frederick J. Maurer, Jr., at the piano.

SUNDAY EVENING, JUNE 30, 4 P. M.

Organ Recital, Calvary Church.

Toccata from Fifth Symphony. Widor
Largo from New World Symphony Dvorák
Communion in G. Batiste
Minuet from L'Arlessienne Bizet
Finale in D. Lemmen Finale in D. . . . . . . . . Lemmens
Uda Waldrop.

MONDAY EVENING, JULY 1, AT 8:15. 

## FRIDAY EVENING, JULY 5, AT 8:15. Frühlingsnacht Schumann Border Ballad Cowen Drink to Me Only With Thine Eyes Old English Long Ago in Alcala Messager Luther Brusie Marchant. L'Année en Vain Chasse L'Année Debussy L'Anneau d'Argent Chaminade L'Heure Exquise Hahn At Dawning Cadman At Dawning The Sweet o' the Year Ray Del Valle. Ray Del Valle. Clara Lowenberg at the piano. The audience will please sing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds Us."

It is gratifying to note that music has been seriously taken up by the General Federation of Women's Clubs as part of the convention sessions.

Tina Lerner in Verse.

Judging by the amount of verse, some being highly creditable, that has pursued Tina Lerner's American appearances it is quite evident that the little Russian pianist as successful in awakening the muse in poets as in painters and musicians. Many times during her tour of two years ago, the critical reviews of her playing were supplemented by an affusion of a local poet who had poured forth his enthusiasm in metrical form. The following, "To T. L.," appeared in the Brooklyn (N. Y.) Institute Bulletin after Miss Lerner had appeared as solo-ist with the New York Symphony Orchestra, the verses being written by a thirteen-year-old girl, Adelaide Nichols:

A mammoth concourse held its breath to see Her slip across the stage in silvery white Like a moonbeam stealing timorously Out from the dark clouds of a summer ni

She went to the piano, and sat down, She laid her hands upon the sparkling keys, And they responded with a murmur soft: "Caresa us and we wake to melodica!"

Then as her hands sped o'er the sounding keys,
The battle roared, the storm clouds furious broke,
And echoed with the crash of angry seas
That of destruction and disruption spoke.

Then, like the sunshine after sur th, sweet notes stole forth to soothe the heart, Laden with lily-breath in music's form
Their word of consolation to impart.

Miss Lerner's popularity among painters is also attested by her many portraits. The charming pianist returns to

#### Year Book of a Kansas Musical Club.

The new year book of the Matinee Musicale, of Coffeyville, Kan., a club organized in 1906 and admitted to the Federation of Musical Clubs in 1907, gives an outline of the recitals for the season of 1912-1913. The dates for the club recitals are October 14, October 28, November 11, November 25, December 6, January 6, January 20, February 3, February 17, March 3, March 17, March 31, April 14. April 28, May 12. The officers of the club are: President, Mrs. W. E. Ziegler; vice president, Mrs. J. H. Stephens; recording secretary, Mrs. C. J. Hale; cor-responding secretary, Mrs. C. L. Mayne; treasurer, Ade-line Heckman; auditor, Mrs. Charles Carpenter; librarian, Mrs. W. H. Lang. This is one of the clubs that is doing its share to make Kansas more musical.

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talents compelled him to assume. The gifted tenor may well be pardoned his justifiable preference.

#### Gadski's Busy Season.

Johanna Gadski has been selected to open the new auditorium in Toronto, an honor that will mark the prima donna's ninth appearance in the Canadian city, where she has long been highly popular. Madame Gadski's engagement is for the evening of October 8, when the fine building will be thrown open to the public. The singer, who returns to America on the Kronprinzessin Cecilie, has in prospect a season even busier than that of last year, when fifty concert engagements were filled in addition to her many appearances at the New York Metropolitan Opera House. The entire months of October and November and the first three weeks of December will be taken up with

the concert tour that Loudon Charlton is booking. Following a series of appearances in the East, Madame Gadski will go direct to Southern California, where six appearances under L. E. Behymer's direction will serve as a prelude to an extended Pacific Coast tour, to be followed in turn by appearances in the Northwest. Coming East, Madame Gadski will fill engagements in Kansas City, St. Paul and other cities en route, and then, after singing at various New England points she will rejoin the Metro-politan Opera forces. Several new operatic roles will be entrusted to the prima donna, whose popularity with the New York public has reached a point that marks her as of the institution's conspicuous favorites

Beginning in the latter part of January, Madame Gadski will again go on tour, filling engagements, among other places, in Ottawa, Quebec, Montreal, St. John, Halifax and other points in Northern New York. The singer's accom-panist again will be Edwin Schneider, whose playing for several seasons has received flattering commendation

#### Professor Hooper at the Helm.

Professor Franklin W. Hooper, director of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, is at the helm again in the institute offices located in the new Academy of Music, Lafayette avenue and St. Felix street, Brooklyn. During the summer months Professor Hooper and a force of assistants worked and carried on labors for the various departments of the Institute, up in picturesque Walpole, New Hamshire.

Next week the schedule of concerts and recitals to be given by the music department of the Institute will be announced. Madame Schumann-Heink is to open the season with a recital, Thursday evening, October 17. Other contracts closed include five concerts by the Boston Symphony Orchestra and five Saturday matinees by the York Symphony Orchestra. Soloists, dates, etc., will be published next Wednesday.

#### Bella Alkins in Musical Comedy.

Bella Alkins, an American, who sang under the name of Isabelle l'Huillier at the Metropolitan Opera House in New York and at the Opera des Westens in Berlin, has decided to devote herself to musical comedy. The favor with which she met in "The Merry Widow," which she studied under the composer, Franz Lehar, was so decided that she was induced to give several representations at the Apollo Theater in Paris, where her success has been repeated.

Miss Alkins spent the month of August at Viareggio, Italy, and during her vacation continued studying under the supervision of Isidore Bragiotti, who has a school for singing in Florence in winter and in Viareggio in sum

#### Oklahoma State Singing Convention.

The first session of the Oklahoma State Singing Convention, recently held in Mountain Park, Frederick, Okla.,

was voted a wonderful success. This convention was regarded merely as a temporary affair, an experiment, as it were, but the results have led to a permanent organization and the next session was held at Shawnee, in the northeastern part of the State. The August bulletin of the convention indicates that everything is progressing in the State of Oklahoma and that much is being done to help the cause of music. Members have not yet decided where the session of 1913 will be held,

#### Rogers as Writer and Lecturer.

Francis Rogers is earning almost as much fame as a writer as he enjoys as a singer. Several magazines have contracted with the baritone for articles on musical subjects, one in particular arranging for a series on the " of Singing." Mr. Rogers has shown still another talent, namely as lecturer. The little talks which preface some of his song recitals are becoming very popular.

#### Carl Flesch as a Family Man.

Carl Flesch, the great violinist, and marvelous interpreter of Bach, Beethoven and Brahms, includes among



CARL FLESCH AT HOME.

his virtues that of a loving father. The accompanying picture was taken at Rindsbach, near Ebensee, in the Austrian Alps. Flesch resides in Munich, when at home, and whenever a moment allows it, he spends some time with his children, who never seem so happy as when their father romps with them.

#### Harold Bauer and Carolyn Beebe.

The interesting picture presented herewith is that of Harold Rauer and members of his summer class at



CAROLYN BEEBE AND OTHER MEMBERS OF HAROLD BAUER'S SUMMER CLASS AT VEVEY, SWITZERLAND.

Vevey, Switzerland, including Carolyn Beebe, the well known New York pianist. The famous virtuoso of the keyboard will be easily recognized in the front of the group toward the left. Miss Beebe stands next to Bauer

#### Genevieve Bisbee in Glowing Health.

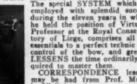
Genevieve Bisbee, New York artist and teacher, writes to THE MUSICAL COURIER about her happy and healthful vacation passed at Lake Placid, in the Adirondacks. Miss Bisbee was a guest at the Grand View Hotel. In her letter, the pianist states: "I am glad to say, after a healthgiving summer in these beautiful mountains, I am returning to town with renewed vigor."

#### Ariani to Open Tour in Montreal.

Adriano Ariani, the Italian pianist, has been engaged the Merning Musicale Club, of Montreal, for its second concert on January 2, 1913. This will be Arian's first concert in America on his forthcoming tour, which will take him as far west as Colorado.

Sing in church, says an Eastbourne vicar, and don't mind if the lady in front turns round to look at you. No. no-since motor cars came in, the habit of turning at alarming sounds has become merely instinctive.-London **Opinion** 

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PARIS, August 27, 1912. The two photographs shown in this article are of George E. Shea and his boys on a trip to Axenstein from Brunnen, where Mr. Shea has been spending part of the summer. The photographs very plainly reveal the little strip of ribbon which Mr. Shea now is privileged to wear in his buttonhole, having been decorated recently by the French Government in recognition of his long years of successful effort in behalf of French music. Mr. Shea is now in Lugano, but intends to return to Paris at an early date, to resume his teaching.

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Alexander the Great-I mean Sébald, the new Paganini -who is now mountain climbing in Switzerland, writes from Chamounix: "Uberall Regen und Schnee-nichts zu machen. Jetzt geht's nach Innsbruck!" Sébald returns to Paris in September and will remain here all winter.

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Thuel Burnham writes from Chicago that he has had a most successful trip, has met many people and had many pupils. He also writes that he has many messages for me which he will deliver when he arrives in Paris next month. I hope they are pleasant messages; a critic never

Julia Waixel, the New York pianist and accompanist, is spending a few weeks in Paris for pleasure purposes only. She is accompanied by Miss Richardson, of San Antonio, Tex., who is studying with Clark.

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Oscar Seagle was entertained recently at Villa St. Clair, the summer home of Mr. Buckner, one of our American



OSCAR SEAGLE AT EASE

residents here. The accompanying photograph shows Mr. Seagle in the center, May Peterson (who made such an excellent impression at her recent debut in French opera)

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at his right, and Edward Clark, of Chicago, at his left. Miss Peterson and Mr. Clark are pupils of Seagle as well as of De Reszke.

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Felice Lyne, d'Aubigné's pupil, who made such a sensation last winter in London, now is stopping at the beau-



SHEA AND HIS BOYS IN THE FUNICULAIRE GOING TO AXENSTEIN NEAR BRUNNEN.

tiful d'Aubigné villa at Sévres. Mr. d'Aubigné now lives there and finds accommodations for as many of his pupils as possible, but he also retains his studio in Paris.

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L. E. Behymer, the prominent American West Coast manager, was here last week and gives glowing accounts of his long trip in Germany, Austria and Hungary, where he was lavishly entertained by the "royalties of the music world," beginning with "Cosima the First, Queen of Bay-reuth." Among other things, "Bee," as we call him, told me that he had frequent conversations with Siegfried Wagner and found him very intelligent and well informed, though evidently suffering under the fact that he is the son of Richard, and is constantly expected to be somehow omething extraordinary, because he is his father's son He said he found Siegfried utterly different from what he expected after all the stories you hear about him. And I may add that this view coincides entirely with my own Behymer tells me that Siegfried would like to go to America and visit the Panama Exposition at San Franbut that Cosima is afraid of the ocean, especially since the Titanic disaster, and as long as his mother lives he will probably not attempt the passage. Behymer was charmed with Weimar and said that for a man who had been preaching art and art centers as a pioneer for twenty-five years, it was truly a treat to get to this town, so full of memories of the great ones of the last generation. At Vienna he was taken care of by some of the opera people.

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headed by Lilly Dorn, and everything was made pleasant The opera house was lighted up so that he could visit it, and for the festival, although it was stated that the house was sold out, they somehow managed to give him a box. He was much impressed by Buda-Pesth and found it one of the most progressive cities in Europe. In Paris he was entertained by Oscar Seagle, Charlie Bowes and Mary Legrand Reed. Among those invited to meet him at Seagle's were Mrs. Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Alexander, of Los Angeles; Mr. and Mrs. Ross Davids, of New York, and Mr. and Mrs. Campbell-Tipton. Seagle sang and Behymer told me privately that he considered him one of the world's greatest baritones.

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Behymer acknowledged that he never really had any very great faith in that "art atmosphere" that he had heard much about in America as being a real thing in Europe He said he never had seen it, this being his first trip to Europe, and was sceptical about it. But he added that, ver doubts he may have had about it in the past, they had vanished very quickly in the presence of the fact. He did not eem at all sure that atmosphere was the right word for it, but he said he could understand perfectly why students made so much better progress in Europe than in America. He said he could not understand formerly why Americans should come abroad to study with American teachers. It looked so foolish for the teacher and the pupil both to come abroad. But this thing we call atmos phere for want of a better word made the matter clear to That was something that the pupil could not get at him. home; something very necessary to real musical education. Behymer has great faith in California. He believes that if America ever has a real art center, a real center where there is this atmosphere, it will be California. The climate, the great wealth of the country, and the large number of leisure class living there, the insistent demand even now for the very best in music, all of these things give foundation for the belief that California will be the future musical center of America.

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Massenet was not dead a day before there was talk of his successor to the Academie des Beaux-Arts. Messager and Gabriel Pierné are mentioned for this distinction.

Gustave Charpentier, Xavier Leroux and Paul Vidal, all three pupils of Massenet, are taking the initiative in collecting funds for a monument to the dead composer. is also stated that the municipality of Rome are to commemorate the composer's stay in that city by a tablet to be placed opposite the Church of the Aracoeli.

The memoirs of Massenet have just been published by Lafitte & Co. They were published originally quite recently by the Echo de Paris, a daily paper which gives much space to musical and artistic subjects.

. . "Comoedia" publishes the following story told by Madame Van Brandt: "One day Rimsky-Korsakow was in to see me. Seeing on the mantle-piece a photograph of Mas-senet he made a face and said: 'You don't like that kind of music, do you?' Just two years later I had the honor of receiving Massenet. Turning an unsympathetic eye on a picture of Rimsky-Korsakow, he said: 'You don't mean to say you like his music, do you?

'Comoedia" also is responsible for the following: One of the South American directors who had for years been playing Massenet's operas without paying any royalties, there being no copyright agreement between France and the Argentine Republic, sent the composer his own photo graph, requesting him to return it with his autograph. He enclosed three francs for postage. Massenet returned the photograph with the following note: "I keep the three francs. It is at least something on account of what you

One day Massenet, dying of hunger after a long walk, stopped in a restaurant where the food was of very second-rate quality. Before leaving he called the proprietor,

fell on his neck, and burst into tears.
"Master," cried the proprietor; "master, what is it?"

mbrace me, my friend." "Really, I hardly dare-

"Come, embrace me!"

"Goodness, what has happened?"

'Alas! Alas!" cried Massenet, in a voice of despair.

"Why do you embrace me, master?"



TETRAZZINI SENDS COMPLIMENTS.

'You wish to know? You really insist upon knowing?"

"Embrace me, for we will never meet again, never! Your food was as atrocious as the padding of your bill."

And finally: An organ grinder was playing a melody from "Eve." The composer could stand the man's meth-

CHARLES W. CLARK. BARITONE, AND HENIOT LEVY. PIANIST, ON THE OCEAN

ods no longer and went out to show him how to play it. Next day the organ grinder appeared with the large sign: "Pupil of Massenet." (Note: This story was first told about Adam, who composed Eve after the first family row. Since then it has been told of so many other com

posers that THE MUSICAL COURIER regrets to be unable to publish the complete list, there being only thirty pages available for the purpose in the present issue.-Editor MUSICAL COURIER.)

A festival in honor of Massenet has been given at Scheyeningen by the Lamoureux Orchestra. Portions of "Phédre," "Thais," "Don César de Bazan," "Esclarmonde," etc., were played. The program states that the third act of "Manon" was composed at Scheveningen in 1882

On Sunday, August 18, the second afternoon musical; was held by Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Clark in the atelier of the famous baritone at No. 12 Rue Leonard de Vinci. Hosts of friends of the Clarks were present and enjoyed a program sung by the artist-host and some of the guests. Among those who sang were Oscar Seagle, baritone, and Lucille Stevenson, soprano.

#### Many Bookings for Hartmann.

Haensel & Jones, managers of Arthur Hartmann, the violinist, report a gratifying number of engagem booked for that artist, the indications being that Hartmann will play one hundred dates this coming season.

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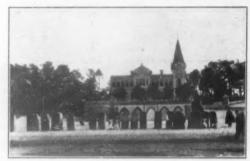


## MOSCO



Arbatte 55, Deneshny 32, Moscow, August 21, 1912. Nations of the Slavonian races have been regarded as musical ever since their beautiful national songs first became known to the world. And as time went on, Sla-vonian composers of music in the large forms have added more and more to their reputation. Russian music is performed and admired everywhere. Czech music has achieved fame through Bohemia's composers

R R R What has Poland to offer in matters of music at the present day? Poland, which once had Chopin to mourn



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the misery and misfortunes of his nation in melodies of striking force and undying beauty! What are the musical achievements of the Poles at present? Poland, that unhappy land, suffering oppression on one side from Russia on the other from Germany, was not able to do much for art in the last century, as the country's struggles for freedom required all its strength! Notwithstanding all its great troubles, however, Poland has produced some artists and musicians richly gifted, who express the nation's feelings in song, story and picture. Individuality and national color mark their work. The aristocracy of Poland always

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has done much for the flourishing of art in that country, and the marked musical activity there in recent years is partly due to encouragement of the nobility. They established a musical society for orchestral concerts in Warsaw,



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as to make that place the musical center of Poland. This organization was inaugurated in 1900 and was named the Philharmonic Society of Warsaw. Nosrowski, director of the Conservatoire, was the first conductor. came Raychmann, Mlynarski, Prohaska and Reznicek to

continue the good work. In 1903 Lubomirski reorganized the society and conducted the reinforced orchestra most After him came Fitelberg, a brilliant leader, artistically. who made such a hit that he was invited to Vienna to direct one of the big orchestras in the Austrian capital. Zdzisław Birnbaum succeeded Fitelberg at Warsaw, and now has under him seventy players of high rank. Birn-baum attained fine results and fills his post with ability and tact. Twelve subscription concerts are given during the winter, a series of three concerts weekly, with low prices, and a course of Sunday matinees, with programs of standard works.

The activity and musical enterprise displayed by the Warsaw Philharmonic Society undoubtedly influenced music all over Poland, reawakening the dormant tonal gifts in the nation. Talented young men were moved to the development of their musical powers and had splendid chances for hearings, as the concert programs were de-



THE WARSAW PHILHARMONIC.

voted largely to native music. At present, Poland has a well recognized school of music, national in color, prolific in melody and characteristic in harmonization.

Dreamy, sometimes passionate and even stormy, Polish music makes a strong appeal to the imagination and is bound to find favor whenever and wherever heard. For instance, there is Rozycki, absolutely modern, who handles the large forms freely and also has composed operas; Szymanowski, a serious composer, credited with many works reminding one of Max Reger in their very compli-cated fugal form. Stojowski, at his strongest in orchestral compositions, with glowing modulations and splendid harmonization, well worked out in details; Melcer, to whom the competition at Petersburg was awarded. Then Poland has further Statkowski, Szopski, Morawski and many others too numerous to mention, but all of them able and interesting. Karlowicz, who died two years ago (he was killed by an avalanche in Switzerland), introduced a new phase into Polish music, as he was a philosopher and became the apostle, the messiah of Polish music. Karlowicz dealt with new ideas, requiring new means of expression. The spirit of Nietzsche pervades his music, which is marked by breadth of conception and generally imposing His symphony, "Urewige Lieder," is one long largeness. page of heart revelation. It has three movements: (1) Das Lied von der ewigen Sehnsucht; (2) Das Lied von der Liebe und dem Tode; (3) Das Lied vom All. soul is stirred by this music, with its abounding beauty and

Zdzislaw Birnbaum, the above mentioned conductor of the Philharmonic Society, was invited with his orchestra to play this summer at Majorenhof, an elegant seaside resort near Riga. (Poor musicians! They never have a vacation, especially orchestral players.) I had the opportunity of hearing them, and listened to some delightful performances. Especially a concert devoted to Polish music made a thoroughly strong impression on me. There was something new and fascinating in that music. The "Urewige Lieder" of Karlowicz gave a clear idea of the magnitude and depth of his grand conception. The orchestra played extremely well, and Birnbaum made evident his strong sympathy with Polish music.

ELLEN VON TIDEBÖHL.

#### Catharine Elston in New York.

Catharine Elston, formerly THE MUSICAL COURTER representative in Pittsburgh, Pa., paid a visit to New York last week and while in the metropolis interviewed several managers about bringing artists to her city. Miss Elston is the librarian at the University of Pennsylvania, and besides her work there undertakes the local management for musical celebrities.

#### Connell Re-engaged at Milwaukee.

Horatio Connell, the popular basso, sang the baritone part in Wolf-Ferrari's "New Life," at Milwaukee with such success, last year, that he has been re-engaged to sing the same part at the forthcoming second production of the work, in Milwaukee, November 4.

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Carl Busch, who is known in this country as the "Kansas City Composer," is nevertheless widely known in Europe, where his compositions have been played and sung by the



CARL BUSCH.

best artists. Mr. Busch went abroad the past summer, and while in Copenhagen, his cantata, "The Brown Heather," was presented there under the direction of the composer.

The text of "The Brown Heather" is by Jaeppe Aakjaer; the work was written for the Danish-American National Fark dedication, which was originally planned to be given ir. the Court House, when the formal presentation of the park deed to the king was to take place. On account of the court mourning these festivities had to be called off. Later it was decided to produce the cantata in the Tivoli Concert Hall, on August 3. The forces uniting in the presentation were the Danish Students' Chorus, the Tivoli Symphony Orchestra and two popular soloists, Holboell and Bjoern. Besides the Busch cantata the program also included George W. Chadwick's "Melpomene" overture and Hugo Kaun's "Festival March" and "Hymn to Lib-

The Busch cantata made such a profound impression that it was immediately decided to repeat the work later on this season. Among the notables present were the Danish and the American Ambassadors, Count Moltke and Dr. Egan, as well as many of Copenhagen's musical celebrities. Immediately after the concert Mr. Busch left for Aarhus, where on the following day he was presented to the king and queen and lunched with them at their summer

castle, Marseillisborg.

Mr. and Mrs. Busch spent a month in Norway, a in Denmark, and after a short visit to Sweden, left for Berlin and Paris September 1, and will sail for America September 23, reaching home in time for Mr. Busch to begin rehearsals with the Kansas City Symphony Orchestra for the second season.

Translations from three of the Danish papers follow:

Translations from three of the Danish papers follow:

The concert which preceded the dedication of Raebild Park took ulace last night in Tivoli with Carl Busch's tone poem, "The Heather," as the chief attraction. The work was originally intended to be sung at the court house cremonies, but these had to be called off on account of the court mourning. It was then decided to give the work under Busch's direction in the concert hall in Tivoli and this was a good idea, for "The Heather" proved to be an impassioned and melodious work that pleased, indeed at times made a strong impression, particularly in the beautiful idyl, "Sun Goes Down," But also in the broadly planned orchestral prologue and the following chorus with solo it was plain that Mr. Busch had not forgotten his Danish ancestry while living in Kansas City. It is to be hoped that we will soon have an opportunity of hearing this work again.—
Koebenhava.

The Danish-American concert in Tivoli, berides being festive in theracter, was of great artistic value—thanks to Carl Busch. In the first part of the program we became acquainted with the "Old Folks at Home," an American folk melody, developed

contrapuntally and full of color. We received, however, a much contrapuntany and fun of color. We received, however, a much deeper impression of what Busch is as a composer in the second part of the program, when his cantata. "The Heather," was sung. It was an unusually happy acquaintance we made in this work and the Copenhagen public should be given an opportunity to hear the cantata again the coming winter season. It was a work without the stereotyped form, natural music without tonality, beautiful music without imple gently felt music without seatingstallity music the stereotyped form, natural music without tonality, beautiful music without jingle, genuinely felt music without sentimentality, music developed artistically without raffinement. None of our home composers write more Danish than Mr. Busch has done in this work in far away Kansas City, and it is as if the national instinct (just on account of that big distance) has remained fresh and green and saved from being atamped out. The composer-director was the subject of overwhelming demonstrations that culminated in the presentation of an immense laurel wreath, a fanfare by the orchestra and a number of curtain calls and bravos from the audience.—National Tidende.

The second part of the program was given in honor of our visiting countrymen and with one of the best known composers, Carl Busch, at the conductor's desk, who conducted with an experienced hand his cantata, "The Heather," written to Askjæer's heartfelt heather picturea. Mr. Busch showed himself not alone a well informed musician, but also a real tone poet, who has something in his heart. The introductory tone picture alone demonstrated this at once; there was a genuine national lyric throughout his music, which combines the Danish heart with the great impulses from the other side of the Atlantic. Also the chorus parts with their peculiarities testified to his masterly ability. We have here a composer who is to be reckoned with. At the close Mr. Busch was presented with a colossal laurel wreath tied with the Danish colors.—Berlingske Tidende.

#### Music and Mammon.

Apropos of a certain rich man's purchase of a mine for \$400,000 that he sold for \$80,000,000, a Chicago broker told, rather bitterly perhaps, an apocryphal story about

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"As soon as he learned to talk his first logical remark was an interruption to this lullaby.

Sing a Song of Sixpence,"

'And the baby, shaking its little head and smiling in a wheedling way, said:

'Make it a quarter, ma, and I'll go to sleep right off." -Washington Star.

#### New Picture of Bonci.

A new picture of Alessandro Bonci, taken with Vanda Segre, a favorite pupil of Kubelik, is herewith presented. Miss Segre has been successful in London and Bonci de-



clares she is a remarkably gifted girl. The young violinist is longing to come to America.

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tralto has filled-in addition to her frequent appearances as leading contralto of the Imperial Opera in Munich, Vienna, and other cities—have been appearances at the Gewandhaus concerts, under Arthur Nikisch; the Museum concerts, under Mengelberg; the Mahler festivals in Manheim, Munich, Vienna and Graz, under Directors Brune. Walter, Bodansky and Weis von Ostborn; the Liszt festival in Heidelberg, the Schumann festival in Munich, the Wagner festivals in Munich and Budapesth, and the two guest appearances at the Metropolitan Opera House, New York. Recitals were given in many European cities, as will be the case in America this coming season when a three months' tour will be made under Loudon Charlton's management. Operatic, oratorio and orchestral appearances will likewise be features of Madame Cahier's brief return visit to her native land.

Madame Cahier is best remembered in this country as Mrs. Morris Black. She was born in Tennessee, and is a daughter of the late Col. I. N. Walker of Indianapolis. has many friends in that city, and many in Cleveland. Chicago and New York, where her social and professional prominence prior to her departure for Paris to continue her studies under Jean de Reszke is well remembered. Following her debut in Nice, the contralto was offered

an operatic engagement in Germany, which resulted in her coming into such favor that she has since made that country her home. Each season she has sung with increasing success in Germany, Austria, Poland, England and France and the Scandinavian countries. Her husband, Charles Cahier, is a Swede of French extraction.

#### Flonzaleys in Switzerland.

The members of the Flonzaley Quartet are depicted in the accompanying picture enjoying a cool day on the



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#### Harris and Henschel to Confer.

When Victor Harris goes abroad next summer he will spend a day in London with Georg Henschel, for the purpose of hearing some of Henschel's latest compo tion, which the latter will finish for the St. Cecelia Club of New York, of which Mr. Harris is the musical di-

Mr. Harris made his usual trip to Europe this summer, spending four months between the Continent and England and Scotland. Writing from Farlie House, Beauly, N. B., Scotland, a fortnight ago, Mr. Harris stated that he would sail for New York on the steamship Lusi-tania, leaving Liverpool September 7. When Mr. Harris arrives in New York, this week, he will announce his plans for the season.

#### Duttlinger's Appearances.

Veda Duttlinger, the distinguished young violinist, who will be under R. E. Johnston's management in America, from November 15, already has entered upon her European engagements booked for the early part of this sea-

Miss Duttlinger plays with the Riga Symphony Orchestra, Georg Schneevoigt, conductor, on August 31. The



ILSE VEDA DUTTLINGER.

program includes the Dvorák violin concerto in A minor and W. Ernst's "Othello Fantasie." Under the same conductor the gifted violinist is booked for an appearance with the Helsingfors Symphony Orchestra in Helsingfors, on October 11 and October 13, when she will be heard in the Tschaikowsky Violin Concerto, Sarasate's "Carmen Fantasie," the Lalo "Symphonie Espagnole" and Wieniawski's "Souvenir de Moscow."

Trouville, Deauville, Dieppe, Vichy, Engheim and a score of other favorite French watering places have been enjoying short but really charming opera seasons, which artists of good standing may be heard .- New York American.

FIONZALEY QUARTET.

The new opera, "Colonel Chabert," has been taken by heights, overlooking Tronchet, Switzerland. This superb

Dippel for America and also taken by the Paris Grand

#### Hinshaw at Bayreuth.

Kapellmeister Felix Landau, of the Hamburg Opera. nd associate conductor at Bayreuth, has been assisting William Hinshaw in the study which that singer has been making of the role of Hans Sachs, under Walter Soomer.



LANDAU AND HINSHAW.

Mr. Hinshaw is the figure to the right and a most imposing figure he is, too.

#### Liebeslied.

There was a sound of revelry by night. The Bloggses were giving a party. Mr. Bloggs had just obliged with the touching ballad, "Tis Love that Makes the World Go Round," and Master Bloggs seized the opportunity to sneak behind the screen with father's pipe. Shortly afterward it was observed that Willie wasn't well. His face as pallid, and his eyes stood out. Cried out Mrs. Bloggs: "Goodness, child, what's the matter? I do believe you have been smoking!" Willie feebly shook his head. "Taint that, ma," he replied untruthfully. "If it's true what father's been singing about, I—I must—be—in love."-San Francisco Argonaut.

#### Mesdames Rider-Kelsey and Cunningham.

The accompanying card of greetings to THE MUSICAL Courier was received last week from Madame Rider-Kelsey, the soprano, and Mrs. Claude Cunningham, wife of the American baritone, who are spending their vacation The celebrated singer is holding the reins,



while Mrs. Cunningham is shading the pair with her parasol.

Julius Epstein, the celebrated piano pedagogue of the Vienna Conservatory, celebrated his eightieth birthday

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## CINCINNATI



Musicians are pouring into the city with every train fresh from vacations spent in resting by mountain or lake or traveling in Europe. The Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, which has had one of the largest summer schools in its history, is just now being put into tip top shape for the winter. New kitchens, the very latest word in complete sanitation and convenience, are being installed, hardwood floors are being laid in the big dining hall, and a new bakery with a master baker arrayed in spotless linen will henceforth be one of the sights for out of town visitors to inspect. Bertha Baur, the director of these myriad activities, spent part of the summer visiting friends in relinquishing her usual trip abroad to be with Clara Baur, who is always happiest when at the helm of the conservatory which she founded in 1867. Among the conservatory artists who have returned and resumed work with their classes are Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Bohlmann, who attended the German-American Teachers' Convention in Berlin. One of Mr. Bohlmann's compositions was honored with a place on the German-American comp program (directed by Frank van der Stucken) at this con-Paulo Martucci spent an enjoyable summer in Frederic Shailer Evans deferred Italy with his parents. his usual trip abroad till 1913 while he explored Canada. Hans Richard, Bernard and Julius Sturm made up a trio at Petoskey, Mich. Hugo Sederborg has failed to return, being a victim of hay fever and exiled to Michigan until cold weather. Edgar Stillman-Kelley also spent the summer in Michigan. Signor Tirindelli, George Leighton and a number of other teachers taught in the summer school and therefore went vacationless. Walter Chapman, a young pianist of unusual talent, has been added to the conservatory teaching force.

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The College of Music opened September 5 with a large enrollment. Mr. Gantvoort, manager of the college, who

was seriously ill the early part of the summer, is fully recovered and busy with many plans for the coming season. Albino Gorno spent the summer at Lugano, Italy, Johannes Miersch joined his brother, Paul Miersch, the com poser, in New York and together they made a flying visit to Germany. Louis Victor Saar, who has been requested by the National Federation of Musical Clubs to serve as one of the judges with Maud Powell and Ernesto Consolo in the competition for American composers this fall, took late vacation in northern Michigan with his family. Romeo Gorno spent his vacation at the seashore. Giacinto Gorno taught in the summer school and retired to the country during August. Walter Werner rusticated at Detour, Mich., where he maintains a summer cottage and a powerful motor boat. Ernest la Prade immolated himself on the altar of the summer school, as did Ignatz Arbiewicz, both playing in the Summer Symphony Orchestra at the Zoo. Lillian A. Rixford spent the summer at White Sulphur Springs. Louise Church went to Harbor Beach, Mich. Ottilie Dickerscheid and Mary Venable toured the Great Lakes. Adele Westfield visited on Long Lino Mattioli enjoyed the bathing at City. Douglas Powell is still in London, and Madame Dotti, after a rest at Mt. Clemens, visited colleagues in

Tecla Vigna has returned from a most delightful trip to the scenes of her early operatic triumphs at Milan, Italy, and is hard at work in her Fourth avenue studio.

Adolph Stadermann, official organist for the May Festival Association, has resigned as organist of St. Lawrence Catholic Church. Mr. Stadermann declares business is just a little too good and he cannot keep pace with his many duties and growing classes.

JESSIE PARTLON TYREE.

#### ARTISTS FOR MAINE FESTIVALS.

The Maine Music Festivals are scheduled to take place at Bangor, October 10, 11 and 12, and at Portland, October 14, 15 and 16. The artists engaged for both festivals are: Madame Nordica, Madame Rappold, Carrie Bride-Julie Lindsay, Franklin Holding, Frank Ormsby, Harold Meek and Giordano, the Italian tenor. Madame Nordica sings on the first nights in both cities, with Madame Bridewell, Mr. Ormsby and Mr. Meek, assisted by the large festival chorus and orchestra.

The second nights of the festivals will be devoted to a performance of the first act of Verdi's "Otello" and other numbers, and the singers will be Signor Giordano, Lindsay, soprano; Mr. Ormsby, tenor, and Mr. Meek,

Madame Rappold sings on the third night in both cities, and appearing with her will be Madame Bridewell, Messrs. Ormsby and Meek and the large chorus and orchestra. The program includes scenes from "La Gioconda."

At the first matinees in Bangor (October 11) and Portland (October 15), Franklin Holding, a Maine artist, will play; Madame Bridewell will sing and the orchestral program will include Schubert's "Unfinished" symphony, the Mendelssohn violin concerto and numbers by Massenet, Tschaikowsky and Chabrier. At the second matinees in Bangor (October 12) and in Portland (October 16), a popular program will be offered with Julie Lindsay, Harold Meek and the chorus and orchestra in selections from the music of Weber, Rubinstein, Tschaikowsky and other

William R. Chapman is again the musical director of these festivals. The following Maine singers will assist at the performance of the excerpt from Verdi's "Otello":
First tenors—Ernest J. Hill, Carl C. Hascall, Herbert S. Kennedy, Jr., Prince S. Hayden. Second tenors—Fred S. Kennedy, Herbert W. Barnard, Jr., Arthur L. Douglass, John O. Burke. First basses—Walter I. Kennedy, Harold E. Colhy, George E. Laird, Howard R. Stevens. Second basses—Charles E. Wyer, Henry L. Eustis, Frank H. Pierce, James F. Macy.

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#### Leps at Pittsburgh Exposition.

After a successful season at Willow Grove Park, Philadelphia, where according to statements by the park authorities, during a number of days of the Leps engage-ment, over 70,000 people attended the concerts given by the orchestra. The same body of artists is to play at the Pittsburgh Exposition early in October.

The orchestra consists of picked members of the Philadelphia orchestra, but the engagement is solely and entirely under the direct management and direction of Wassili Leps. There will be symphony programs, operation programs, a Mendelssohn, a Beethoven, and a French program, besides those of a more popular nature.

Soloists to appear are John K. Witzemann, concert-master; Alfred Lennartz, solo cellist; Anton Horner, the widely known French-horn virtuoso; Francis La Pitina, harpist and others

The wonderful attendance at the orchestral concerts at Willow Grove speaks well for the musical taste of the Philadelphia public, perhaps one of the most critical and music loving in this country, as there is no institution like Willow Grove Park to be found anywhere else, rerhaps, in its magnitude, not even in Europe.

Mr. Leps has received several very good offers for himself and his orchestra for the spring, summer, and fall of 1013, and as he is an excellent program maker and makes a specialty of employing only artists of the highest standing, "Leps and his orchestra of fifty Philadelphia artists" are sure to be a drawing card wherever they

#### New Position for Morrill Pupil.

Bertha Kinzel, a soprano, who has studied with Laura E. Morrill, has been engaged as soloist by the Park Presbyterian Church, Amsterdam avenue and Eighty-sixth street, New York, to succeed Anna Case, of the Metropolitan Opera Company. Mrs. Morrill states that Miss Kinzel possesses an unusually beautiful lyric voice, which some of her admirers have likened to one of the great prime donne. She is, moreover, a good musician and is ndowed with a personality that is most attractive.

Mrs. Morrill has conducted a summer school at Darien, Conn., for several months and this week will return to New York for the reopening of her studios in the Chelon West Twenty-third street, near Seventh avenue, Monday, September 16. During the winter, the Morrill musicales will be given and Morrill pupils in the professional ranks as well as those in other grades, will appear.

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OTTO LOHSE will assume control of the orchestra and direction at the Theatre de la Monnaie, Brussels, in October.

THEY say that one of the worst places for a sore throat is Tunis. If that is so it ought to be crowded with singers. But that would be too nice.

RICHARD STRAUSS is to write a Russian ballet. the subject of which is to come from Hoffmannsthal and another friend, a Russian. White bears, pogroms, and caviar will be leading subjects.

EXACTLY two months from today, or on November 11, the Metropolitan Opera House will reopen its doors with a performance of "Les Huguenots." the cast to comprise Caruso, Destinn, Frieda Hempel, Matzenauer, etc.

AFTER all, then, Muratore, the Paris tenor, will not come to America this season. It is explained that he could not get a leave of absence. Lina Cavalieri, too, announces her inability to appear at the Wintergarden, in New York, as planned. She also could not get a leave of absence.

WHILE 1913 has been generally accepted as the year in which Wagner's "Parsifal" will be free from copyright restrictions in Germany, the fact is that the law of the Fatherland does not permit indiscriminate performances of that work until January 1, 1914. In other words, the year 1913 is inclusive in the "Parsifal" copyright,

OCTOBER 31 is the date set for the opening at Philadelphia of the combined Metropolitan and Philadelphia-Chicago opera companies. The season is to continue into February. Arturo Toscanini will direct the Metropolitan company, while Cleofonte Campanini will lead the Philadelphia-Chicago organization. Heading the general list of singers are Caruso, Tetrazzini, Dalmores, Garden, Gagliardi, Zenatello, Gadski, Amato, Farrar, Sammarco, Saltzman-Stevens, White, Fremstad, Homer, Whitehill, De Cisneros, Matzenauer and Destinn.

THE plan to organize a trust of musical managers on the Pacific Coast, so as to control the attractions that are engaged in Europe for America by Eastern managers, will fail for one reason only, and other reasons are not necessary. One of the parties engaged in it cannot be trusted, and his ignorance alone is sufficient to make it impossible to depend upon him, and the others who know him know this. It has been demonstrated that great artists can go to the Pacific Coast without even corresponding with him, much less paying any further attention to him. How can he have any position of trust?

It is a significant fact that the only opera houses which up to the present have contracted to produce Strauss' "Ariadne auf Naxos" after the Stuttgart premiere, are those in the small cities, Barmen, Dortmund, Düsseldorf, Freiburg, Kaiserslautern, Braunschweig, Königsberg, Mayence, Saarbrücken, Stettin, and Zweibrücken. The large cities evidently believe in playing the game safe, awaiting the result of the initial performance and reading the early criticisms. After America's experience with "Rosenkavalier," which has not yet made its appearance here, not even the boldest musical prophet would hazard a guess as to when "Ariadne auf Naxos" will be heard in this country.

THERE are a great many people who have prejudices against Roosevelt, and a lot of people have prejudices against Wilson, and there is another set of people who have prejudices against Taft, and then another set of people who have prejudices against THE MUSICAL COURIER. Probably these prejudices are all generated because the persons or institutions involved in them also have prejudices. That person who claims that he is free from prejudice, at once acknowledges that he is the most prejudiced of all; he is so prejudiced in his own favor that he cannot realize himself, which reminds us of the old saw, that a man, thrown upon his own responsibility is necessarily obliged to recognize his own recognizance.

According to a Times cablegram, Arthur Nikisch says that "a conductor should have on his lips the whole keyboard of different styles in which to address the members of his orchestra, always when criticising or discussing their execution, bearing carefully in mind the instrument they play and talking accordingly." The most sensitive performers, Nikisch is quoted as saying, are players of the hautbois and bassoon, who must be addressed with great delicacy. The clarinet player will even take a very little joke at his own expense," and blowers of the big brass instruments will stand almost anything. Nikisch does not appear to have expressed any opinion about string performers. Evidently they can be easily muted.

HAUSEGGER'S Berlin concerts with the Blüthner Orchestra (October 21, November 4, December 9, January 13, February 25, and March 17) will present some interesting novelties, among which are Juon's "Wächterweise," Von der Pals' "Konzertstueck" for violin and orchestra, Hausegger's "Nature" symphony, Cleve's piano concerto, Ernest Bloch's "L'Hiver," Lampe's "Poem" for orchestra, Cyril Scott's "Aubade," and Lendvai's scherzo for orchestra. The Berlin Royal Orchestra, under Richard Strauss, has set its concerts for October 18, November 8 and 26, December 6 and 20, February 14 and 28, and March 9, 22 and 30. Five Beethoven symphonies are to be performed, two by Haydn, and one each by Brahms, Mahler and Bruckner; also Strauss' "Heldenleben" and "Don Quixote," Kaun's second symphony, Blech's "Waldwanderung," Reznicek's prelude and fugue, Boche's "Circe," etc.

LONDON cables report that five orchestral pieces by Arnold Schoenberg, played recently at a promenade concert, were received with "decorously suppressed laughter." It is provincial to laugh at what one does not understand, for if one does not understand, how is one to know whether the thing laughed at is good or bad? The fact that Schoenberg does not write altogether in accepted idioms and makes no effort to please the groundlings who wish tunes that jingle, should not make him a target for laughter. Discord recently has been proved to be relative, and some listeners with supersensitive ears assure us that under certain conditions it can even be beautiful. No matter what prejudiced commentators may say to the contrary, Schoenberg does not write music with the preconceived desire to make it sound ugly. He is working toward the emancipation of tonality and the broadening of harmonic boundaries and his radical departures from conventional formulas represent the proof of his independence and sincerity in his researches. We repeat that we see nothing to laugh at in Schoenberg's music, some of which lies before us at this writing. It is the product of a well equipped musician, thoroughly grounded in the traditional tenets of theory and counterpoint. If Schoenberg had not mastered the accepted manner and forms of musical expression, he could not so easily avoid falling into them. However, it is good to know that London's laughter was "decorously suppressed."



## REFLECTIONS BY THE EDITOR.

PARIS, August 30, 1912.

In his article on "The Folk-Song Fallacy," which appeared in the English Review of August, Ernst Newman says: "Mr. Sharp sees distinctive Scandinavian characteristics in the music of Grieg. How is it, then, that they do not appear also in the music of undoubted Scandinavians, like Sinding, Svendsen and others?"

·Mr. Newman can find a number of authorities who quote Grieg as saying, emphatically, that his music is not Scandinavian. On the other hand, Grieg says, just as emphatically, that his music is Norwegian. He wants it understood that there is a distinct difference between music that is called Scandinavian and the music which he composed, which, he said, was Norwegian. Now, the question is whether it was based on Norwegian folk-songs, and Mr. Newman will have to settle that.

I quote the following from the London Sunday Times of August 25:

A "Berlinerin" who joined in the Daily Telegraph symposium on "Family Budgets" last week, noted one item which, as the Irishman would say, conspicuous by its absence: "No one says anything about money spent on books, or pictures, or on music." Probably expenditure under these heads was comprised in the rather large amount credited to "sundries" and "extras" in several cases, but at the same time the omission was significant of the relative unimportance of the intellectual amenities in the economy of the average middle class household. Take the case of music, for example. Most families contain one or more members who profess themselves "musical," in how few of the smug villas and pretention mansions that abound in the suburbs does the expenditure on music in its serious aspects amount to any considerable sum? One or two banal piano pieces, half a dozen vapid ballads, and the vocal score of the latest musical comedy success suffice for the family's tribute to St. Cecilia. The idea that musical education can and should be carried beyond the usual "lessons," that expenditure on it would be amply repaid by the intellectual stimulus and the widened imaginative grasp which its cultivation affords, and that in the possession of a musical masterpiece lies the potentiality of a greater and more lasting satisfaction than can be given by the best of dinners or the most chic of frocks would seem to such people pure foolishness; and it is because so many of us thus despise music and relegate it to the unessentials of life that we have no claim to be regarded as "a

Why not combine the two? Why not have good dinners and chic frocks and other nice things, and classical music instead of musical comedy? If there is sufficient money to spend on good dinners and on chic frocks, it necessarily follows that there is sufficient money anyway for the small musical outlay. But the trouble is in England that the music hall and the musical comedy have been cultivated at the expense of classical music, and the nation has been educated in the former directions and neglected in the latter. I say here the nation, because

the extract from the London paper refers to the nation. The United States has twice as many inhabitants as Great Britain, but in actual money paid out for classical music, New York City alone spends twice as much as the whole of Great Britain. The young people of Great Britain are devoted to sports. We have much sport in the United States, but by no means to such an extent, to such a ratio. The bulk of the people in Great Britain go to the music halls, but in our country entertainments of that kind are incidental and do not constitute a form of national entertainment. Why do the European musical artists that cultivate classical music make America their aim and the object of their pilgrimages? Because the people of the United States spend money, actual money, for classical music and for concerts and for private musical entertainments of a high order.

#### Hammerstein.

The announcement appearing in the New York daily papers that Hammerstein, as he says, is to build forty opera houses in the United States, has not created any excitement here, even among those who are interested in sending opera artists to the United States, either as agents or as otherwise interested parties, nor is there any evidence to be found in any of the opera centers of Europe that this announcement has created a rise in price or, as we would say on the Bourse, "an upper tendency." It may be due to the impression that Hammerstein is going to build forty opera houses for the purpose of giving opera in English in America, because thus far his opera that has not been in English has not been a financial success, either in New York or London, and now, if he is going to try opera in America in forty opera houses in forty cities, any one interested in such matters is apt to conclude that this time it will be in English instead of Italian and French.

Grand opera in New York is not a success, except under social control, that is, under society influence, and with the money of the leaders of society.

The Hammerstein incident has proved this and so have others for the last seventy-five years; it has been the history of a financial cataclysm for that period, whenever any individuals attempted it, and until this Metropolitan organization was put upon its feet by men of standing and society and finance, it has always been a financial failure. In London it is the same thing, it is a society matter, as the Hammerstein case again proves, after the failure of opera impresarios in London for a hundred years. Chicago opera and Philadelphia opera are society events, and Mr. Jordan is trying to get out of that channel by interesting hundreds of subscribers in the Boston opera, and a great many people are watching that problem, to see whether it can be made a permanent success. Grand opera without subsidy is a financial failure unless it is a society and fashionable event every time, and with subsidy it is a popular failure, because many of the opera financial companies that lease European opera houses for grand opera get into deep financial water notwithstanding the subsidies, and declare no dividends in case they do not fail.

The people do not want grand opera, because if they wanted it they would support it. It is not a question of price. When an article is desired the price is paid for it, and if the price demanded is not paid, the article is not wanted—not even at the price.

Besides that, opera is not educational, as Mr. Hammerstein seems to believe, because if it were educational people would be sufficiently educated in it to make it irresistible to them. In addition to this, there is nothing to be educated in grand opera, as it is a musical and dramatic paradox from which Richard Wagner endeavored to escape and from which Richard Strauss is doing his utmost to get away. The New York Sun, in an editorial some weeks ago, made reference to this very weakness in the suggestion, viz., the claim that opera is educational. Besides, Mr. Hammerstein's opera is a business matter, and he always claims it is not and he expects the people to believe that, and as the people do not and will not believe such nonsense. they will not support his claim. It is like his claim that he is a musician. There are too many people in New York and London who know that this is not possible, that this is not so, and Mr. Hammerstein treats it as if it were a crime for an impresario not to be a musician. That is the strongest thing that can be urged against his capacity, viz., that he is a musician. The few opera managers that were not failures were business men and not musicians.

Maurice Grau, who had the whole of New York fashionable society with him, left an estate of nearly a million dollars, the executors in New York State alone holding property amounting to \$750,-000, real estate, etc., on which they send the annual income to the heirs of Mr. Grau here in France, his widow and daughter. Mr. Grau told lots of people, on many occasions, that he had no knowledge of music and that he did not know the differences in the timbres of voices, and had no idea of scores or what they meant musically, and he did not care to know. On a number of occasions he volunteered to tell me these things at rehearsals in New York and here in Paris at No. 9, Rue Auber, where he held forth. He was known not to be a musician and he did not wish to make a false claim, but he made money as an impresario.

I don't care to give the names of the poor fellows that failed and died, and at whose funerals the opera singers did not even appear. I might, however, give reference to recent events.

There were no opera singers at the funeral of the late Colonel Mapleson in London; about fourteen people attended the funeral of the late Max

Maretzek. I was at the funeral of Don Diego De Vivo, and there were no opera people there, and seven other people. The two Strakosches, who for many years were grand opera managers in the United States, had gone into oblivion and their funerals were limited to a few members of the family, and no opera artists attended. Why should they under those conditions? This thing has been threshed over and over, and every one who has any interest in the history and philosophy of the situation has by this time acquired a judicious attitude of keeping his money, if he has any, instead of putting it into grand opera schemes. It is more profitable to run a newsstand in New York, as history shows, even for a man who is a musician, much less for one who claims to be a musician and is not

#### Other Cities.

The other cities may be very anxious to have grand opera, but somebody must foot the bill. Unless this grand opera scheme represents the society elements in each city, that is, the society leaders, it is doomed, as a foregone failure, because nobody wants to pay to hear grand opera, unless society, or the Government, or the city foots the bill, and then the attendance is so small that even with the subsidy and with the society leaders to back it, no money can be made out of it, for the very simple reason that nobody cares for it. What do the people care for in that direction? They care for great singers. They want to hear renowned singers, and then they prefer to hear them on a concert stage for one hour and a half to two hours, singing a collection of arias or songs or lieder in a foreign language. Opera is sustained only by the society element which does not understand that language and therefore supports it and approves of it. Neither the society element of Great Britain nor the society element of the United States will spend its money for opera in English, because it is not fashionable to listen to an opera in those two countries to understand it; it must be a mystery, unintelligible and as stupid as possible, and then society will support it, because it is society and not because it is the opera.

As long as Mr. Hammerstein is willing to put his millions into these schemes he should not be criticised, but encouraged. At the same time he should also occasionally read the truth about the operatic situation, as an old paper sees it and knows it. Outside of Maurice Grau there is no record of any human being who, as a manager of grand opera, has been able to put aside sufficient money to get a decent funeral for himself, or to leave sufficient money to keep his family out of work; and Maurice Grau first secured the support of society and then he financed with that capital.

#### London.

Just as a matter of curiosity I send herewith a clipping from the London Evening News of August 26, showing differences of opinion on this very topic.

To the Editor of The Evening News:

Sire—Eustace Ponsonby is hardly fair to Mr. Hammerstein when he says that the only beautiful thing he gave us was the Opera House at Kingsway.

Students and lovers of music will always be thankful to Mr. Hammerstein for his magnificent and elaborate productions of "Quo Vadis," "Don Quichotte," "Herodiade," etc. Yet the public was conspicuous by its absence at those performances.

Mr. Cambonsi is not rightly informed as to Mr. Hammerstein's repertory. He did not produce such operas as "Tannhäuser" and "Lohengrin." Had he done so it is my humble opinion that he would have had the patronage of audiences who are at present filling the Queen's Hall Promenade concerts nightly. Unfortunately for Mr. Hammerstein he did not cater for that class of audience.

A. E. Mucany

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Mile End Road, E.

Sin-The failure of the London Opera House is to my mind, quite simple of explanation. There

is not the slightest doubt that Max Rabinoff hits the nail on the head when he talks of producing English opera. The average Englishman is certainly very fond of music, but he likes to know what it is all about.

Do the ordinary middle class people understand Italian sufficient to be enthusiastic enough to go and hear operas in that language? I think not. Opera in English, that's the thing. All operas have a plot of some kind or another, and when sung in the language of this country, so that they can be followed, are certain to be an instantaneous

If Mr. Rabinoff can only do as he suggests, I feel sure all London would flock to hear opera in English.

At the same time, one cannot but admire Mr. Hammerstein for his courage. He had an opinion, backed it up with his capital, and even if he didn't prove successful, he has been a "trier." Success invariably comes through another's failure, and who knows but what after all through his action in erecting a palatial building English opera may become an assured fact?

FRED. SIMPSON.

88a North View Road, Hornsey, London.

SIR—Now Mr. Hammerstein has "thrown down the gauntlet," let Mr. van Noorden, with his excellent company (the Carl Rosa) come to a West End theater and give the public what it wants—English opera at cheap prices, but standard works only.

HORACE C. STANFORD.

Teddington.

SIR—Your excellent leader on Mr. Hammerstein and the Opera House remains unanswered and unanswerable.

The whole crux of the matter lay in the fact that Mr. Hammerstein's talk was bunkum and bluff.

Your correspondent, Mr. Cambonsi, is sadly at error when he says the apathy of the English public is responsible for the failure of Mr. Hammerstein's scheme.

If Mr. Hammerstein had not done so much talking, but more doing, and had possessed the necessary business ability, the great house in the Kingsway would not have been a white elephant.

BERNARD MELLY.

Milton Road, Highgate.

#### Von Warlich.

Reinhold von Warlich, the lieder singer, will start in America, in November, to fill a number of engagements in recitals and otherwise under the management of Mr. Loudon Charlton. Mr. von Warlich has a clientele in America that is constantly growing, being interested in his art and in the attractive personality of this versatile singer.

#### London Opera House Finances.

Hammerstein's London Opera House is an asset of the owner which might possibly be utilized by him in his project for the 4-11-44 opera houses that are to be built in America. There is a financial basis in London which should now be made productive for America.

The opera house was built on leased ground from the London County Council, which controls that tract of land opened by widening the Strand, and running up to Holborn, called the Kingsway, after the late King Edward. It is advancing in value and the rents are advancing. The rent agreed upon to be paid by Hammerstein was low; the figure was £4,975 or about \$25,000 a year and taxes and repairs, upkeep, etc., to be added. Now, if the property is to change hands, the County Council proposes to take advantage of the very increment created by Hammerstein's venture, to increase the rental to £15,000 a year or \$75,000 instead of \$25,000 a year. That advance may be an obstacle.

But when Hammerstein made his agreement with the County Council it was conditional, the special clause inserted having an educational bearing; the house was to be educational in the direction of cultivating opera in English, or something of that sort, and the County Council reserved for itself the right, the sole right, of deciding what was and what was not educational; hence the opera house cannot be sold to a music hall syndicate for music hall repre-

sentations and this may also prove an obstacle to the sale.

In addition it may be remarked that Hammerstein had at least three unmusical bars in his house netting him, as concessions he leased to the sellers of liquors, about \$30,000 a year. Under a new restriction, the selling of liquor in new music halls is dependent upon certain limitations and it is now difficult to secure a liquor license for any new music hall enterprise. This may also prove an obstacle to a sale.

Hammerstein filed quite a number of disputes, as they are called in English; that is, he disputed claims, and these claims must be satisfied in case of sale before the exchanges pass.

One is a £22,000 = \$110,000 dispute with the architects.

One is a £4,200 = \$21,000 dispute with the electrical concern.

Then there are about £5,000 in miscellaneous accounts to be settled before title would be passed by Hammerstein, who would want the transfer to be clean.

Then there is the £40,000 = \$200,000 mortgage on the house to which Hammerstein alluded in his witty speech at the close of his latest season—no, his last season. This money came from the celebrated Mr. Joel, of South Africa, who is known today in London as a most liberal and generous citizen.

Then there is a kind of lien for money held by Lord Howard de Walden, amounting to £10,000 = \$50,000. By the way, His Lordship paid Hammerstein £20,000 = \$100,000 to produce his opera "The Children of Don" (was that the title? or Done?).

Hammerstein had an offer of £182,000 = \$910,-000, based on, what the bidder says, an agreement; £82,000 were to have been paid in cash and a mortgage of £100,000 was to be given to Hammerstein to be paid in a year or so. When the papers were to be executed Hammerstein cabled that he understood it to have been £200,000, and with this misunderstanding facing them, the people who had organized the purchasing syndicate went their respective ways, never to be gotten together again on this mission. The organizers proposed to follow the educational scheme as proposed by the London County Council and, in conjunction with Sir Villiers Stanford, Sir Alexander MacKenzie and other prominent English musical people, and wealthy amateurs, opera in English was to be attempted on a wide, public and national basis. No bars were to be attached to this enterprise except musical bars, and opera was to have been made an adjunct of the existing educational musical interests of the English metropolis.

This is the present status as it exists with the property known as the London Opera House. If any other offer now comes it must include the removal of a series of obstacles which a large check usually obliterates.

That large check may come from New York; but it will be necessary first to secure absolute understandings that will eliminate all possibilities of a failure of negotiations.

BLUMENBERG.

Spa, Belgium, has had its Meyerbeer festival, which, among other things, consisted of a torchlight procession, participated in by the societies of the town. The city itself was decorated, so was the Casino and the pavilions. The unveiling of the Meyerbeer statue was preceded by a presentation speech by the mayor. The performances of the musical works brought forward Delna, who sang superbly. The bust of Meyerbeer, on a beautiful column, is located in the Casino Gardens. Meyerbeer for many years spent every summer season in Spa for his cure, and he was vastly benefited by the waters. His favored spring was the "Peter the Great," and there is today a bench in the Gardens, designated as the spot which he loved most as a resting place.

### American Subventioned Opera.

San Francisco continues to send forth bulletins regarding its municipal scheme for grand opera, or scheme for municipal grand opera, whichever is better in sound and more effective in accomplishment. The latest news, via the San Francisco News Bureau, is this:

Plans for the erection and management of the opera house in the civic center were agreed upon at a conference in the Mayor's office yesterday. According to the agreement the Musical Association is to furnish \$650,000. The city is to furnish the land in the civic center, the current for the exterior lighting and the heat. The building becomes the property of the city. The management is vested in a body of trustees, similar to the public library trustees, fifteen in number, of whom nine are to be chosen by the Musical Association from its membership and the other six are to be the Mayor, City Attorney, President of the Board of Education, a citizen chosen by the Mayor, a member of the faculty of the University of California, se lected by the president of that institution, and a member of the Stanford faculty, chosen by the president of Stanford University. There is to be no financial Stanford University. There is to be no financial profit to the donors, the income from the sale of seats and boxes being applied exclusively to the production of opera. The donors will have the first call on a box or seat, according to the amount of their donation, but they will pay the regular prices for each performance.

The limit of time in which actual work must be commenced is one year, and the opera house will be opened in 1915. Between \$400,000 and \$500,000 has already been pledged. The block designated for the building is that on the east of the proposed plaza, between McAllister, Larkin and Hyde streets, extended. The south façade will front on a broad square, while the main façade will be on the plaza, thus giving ample room for carriages, while there are car lines on two sides of the block.

In the "Reflections" of the present issue will be found comment that can be applied directly to the San Francisco proposition. If society will stand faithfully and lastingly behind that scheme with money, prestige and personal attendance, there is no reason why grand opera on a large scale should not flourish in San Francisco. But it must employ great singers and on no account claim to be "educational." If the public ever discovers that it is being educated and not entertained, exit the public.

Oscar Hammerstein has tried "educational" grand opera, and now is educated into the belief that it does not pay, for he lost many thousands of dollars in his campaign of instruction at the Manhattan Opera House. Now Hammerstein publishes his latest scheme for financing grand opera in American cities, and it is revealed that he finally has become a convert to the guarantee system—the only one possible in grand opera—although he has (as usual) some novel ideas in connection with the system.

This week Hammerstein is mailing his prospectus to prominent citizens in half a hundred American cities, and accompanying each pamphlet is a photograph of the proposed opera house which is to be the model for all the others in the "chain." It is a plain, unadorned building, evidently designed for practical purposes rather than for extraneous display. The Hammerstein prospectus outlines the guarantee plan as follows:

Theaters in this country have been built by individuals according to their own notions or that of an architect. Most of these were entirely unfamiliar with theatrical affairs. There are hardly two theaters alike in construction in this country, either in size of seating capacity or size of stage. The result has often been an unjust indictment of the producer of attractions. To send one of pretensions and magnificence "on the road," as it is being called, is an impossibility almost on account of variations in construction of the theaters in existence. In one town the theater has an unremunerative seating capacity and a very large stage. The next town has the reverse. The result is a cheapening and artistic diminution of the attraction, unlike the one originally shown on a metropolitan stage. In reference to presentation of gigantic grand opera performances the impossibility is apparent.

formances the impossibility is apparent.

Leaving aside the almost incalculable moral benefits my whole project will accrue, not alone in localities, but the country at large, I will first dwell upon the commercial side of my plan, matured and shorn of anything visionary.

A community (residing individuals or corporations) in sympathy with my intentions is required to grant and to

a desirable plot of ground, measuring 125 feet front and 225 feet deep, located on a wide thoroughfare, preferably on a corner; if not, abutting on a street or alley in the rear. The erection of an opera house, such as shown here, ing and dignified, on such plot of ground will immediately increase the value of all adjoining properties, if not of all real estate values in the city, so that the grant of this one plot vastly repays itself. Furthermore, I must be guaranteed the acceptance of first mortgage bonds for a liberal amount, considering the cost and expenditure for the structure, at a most liberal rate of interest, running ten years, covering the land and building. subject to all existing customs in the building trade, and loans on real estate, and subject also to conditions insuring the use of the edifice primarily for grand opera. The erection of theatrical structures, fireproof and substantial, is subject to special laws and conditions enforced by the Building Bureau of each city. Therefore, calculation of the real cost of construction is not difficult.

Built singly (without duplicate in other cities), the cost of such structures would probably reach an expenditure of about \$700,000.

Apply the x rays of solid business investigation on this proposition, the question is in place: "How will this struc-ture pay interest and taxes?" Not touching for the moment the question of the primary use of the building for grand opera presentations-the fact of the existence and the chain of such buildings on connecting railroad lines and centers, their equal dimensions of auditorium and stage and working facilities, insures their occupancy by all pre tentious and dignified dramatic, vocal and orchestral attractions traveling through the country, in preference to any existing hall or theater. For local singing and other ieties, for balls and civic assemblages, opportunity of publicity for local talent, dormant in obscurity, a home is created. All in all, the revenues from these sources alone insure the payment of interest on the mortgage bonds and capitalization without any doubt. Without the possession of such structure and chain of such, the presentation of grand opera, in all the name implies, is an impossibility and will be for decades to come.

With its presence, each community will annually have its grand opera season for as many weeks as the size of population and musical atmosphere will command. It will have grand opera on a scale of magnitude and magnificence which today exists but in New York, Paris, Berlin, Milan and St. Petersburg. With each succeeding year its attendance will increase; with each succeeding year the love for this most sublime of all entertainments will grow. It preaches; in ennobles.

It is imperative that all in the first ranks of business, social, religious, journalistic and municipal circles, heads of municipalities and Boards of Trade in every important city should take an immediate active interest in this vast and all important project, so as to insure the inauguration and completion of many of the edifices by next fall.

Leaving aside the construction questions involved and omitting discussion of the moral benefits accomplished by grand opera in general, the consideration of those who study the foregoing circular will focus itself upon the unusual features of the Hammerstein running plan as outlined by that operator in grand opera. First of all, he desires to be presented in each city with a plot of ground and then guaranteed a loan thereon by the donors. When completed the opera houses apparently are to belong to Hammerstein, who will have the right to derive additional revenue by renting them (when not giving opera) for balls, promotion of home talent, civic assemblages, etc. Nothing is said regarding reversion of ownership in case the opera scheme fails and Hammerstein disbands his company or companies. It is to be assumed, therefore, that the communities receiving the Hammerstein opera ministrations, grant the lots and buildings to him in perpetuity. The length of the opera season is not guaranteed by Hammerstein, except conditionally as commanded by the size of population and musical atmosphere.

What would happen if there is unprofitable box office support the prospectus does not state. Also the opera houses would be practically unrentable for at least four months every year during the warm season, with taxes, interest and repayment obligations undiminished during that period.

Another point not quite clear is how the opera houses could be rented to traveling dramatic, vocal and orchestral attractions, for those organizations do their touring during the very time considered for practical reasons to be the best for the presentation of grand opera.

It seems hardly reasonable to suppose that any community or individuals would give away valuable ground and foster the erection of a \$700,000 building for an early fall or late spring fortnight or month of grand opera. The Metropolitan Opera, the Boston Opera and the Chicago-Philadelphia Opera companies are always available for short seasons if the financial attraction be made sufficiently large.

These remarks are offered in the way of suggestion and not as criticism, for it would be manifestly unfair to Hammerstein to regard the present prospectus as his final and detailed proposition to the cities he seeks to interest. Doubtless he has worked out the plan in far greater elaboration than he is willing to publish promiscuously just now, and when the proper times comes, and the proper persons begin negotiations, is ready to furnish additional figures and specifications. If interest in grand opera is strong enough in a community to warrant the adoption of the Hammerstein plan, there is no reason why it could not be adjusted feasibly. But the incentive would have to be love for grand opera and not the desire for gain in real estate.

The cities that will hear from Hammerstein at once are Worcester, Providence, Hartford, New Haven, Albany, Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse, Newark, Pittsburgh, Reading, Scranton, Baltimore, Washington, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Dayton, Detroit, Toledo, Indianapolis, Milwaukee, Des Moines, Kansas City, Omaha, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Portland, Ore., Seattle, Spokane, Los Angeles, Oakland, San Francisco, Denver, Salt Lake City, Birmingham, Ala., Mobile, Atlanta, Savannah, Louisville, New Orleans, Charleston, Memphis, Nashville, Dallas, Houston, San Antonio, Norfolk and Richmond.

It is interesting to note that, in Hammerstein's opinion, the list of European cities where grand opera exists on a scale of magnitude and magnificence, does not include London—now that Hammerstein has left there. Poor Covent Garden!

#### SAN DIEGO'S PALATIAL OPERA HOUSE.

San Diego, Cal., has an opera house that rivals anything in the country, a joy to artist and audience. The structure is about ten years in advance of the city and would be an ornament to London or Berlin. John D. Spreckels, the owner, has spent over a million dollars on the edifice and for many years to come it should repay him in more ways than dollar returns. The entrance to the lobby, finished in onyx and illuminated by concealed lights, is of splendid proportions and delightful color scheme.

The dimensions of the theater are as follows: Auditorium, 70 by 88 feet; seating capacity, 1,915; stage, 88 by 52 feet; entrance to lobby, 32 by 80 feet. There are 6 independent side exits. Latest fire safeguards include automatic sprinklers, curtain of solid steel plate lined with asbestos, stand pipes for fire department use, etc.; 8,200 electric lights brighten the auditorium.

It is understood that the Metropolitan Opera Company will appear in the San Diego Opera House this season, and other opera companies already have made contracts.

"Ninety-nine per cent. of the music teachers in the United States are totally incompetent to teach music."—Statement of Doctor of Music Frank Damrosch in the New York Times of September 3, 1911.

"What instrument does Doctor of Music Frank Damrosch teach—or does he teach singing—and where are his pupils?"—Question propounded by The Musical Courier, September 13, 1911.

## Music Congress in England.

The Executive Committee of the International Musical Congress, London, 1911, sends to The Musical Course the newly published report of the Fourth Congress.

It is an attractive volume of over 400 pages, giving a summary, usually brief but often extended, of all the papers read at the congress. The programs of the concerts are to be found, together with a list of the banquets, receptions, and other social functions that helped to enliven the somewhat solemn proceedings of the assembled musicians. There were a number of excellent papers read, of which the mere names would fill a page of The Musical Courier. It is impossible to believe that any listener could hear more than a quarter of these essays. It is for that reason, therefore, that the publication of this book will be welcomed by those who wish to possess a report of the entire proceedings of this memorable congress.

It speaks well for the general musical culture of England that the Right Hon. Arthur J. Balfour, who was for so many years Prime Minister of England, presided at the opening ceremony which was held at the University of London, and made a speech on this occasion, which, for musical knowledge, would have done credit to any of the professional musicians present. Nor was Mr. Balfour's musical talk merely acquired for the occasion. He has long been an enthusiastic musical amateur, and it was because of his musical learning that he was chosen to preside. The address which he delivered on that occasion is so true and exact an account of England as a musical nation that we give a few extracts from his speech rather than from the papers of the professional musicians:

"I hope you will permit me to express not merely on my own behalf, but on behalf of all musicians and music lovers in this country, our hearty welcome to our foreign friends, who have come here to adorn the first Musical Congress ever held in this country. I believe I am right in saying that the last Musical Congress was held at Vienna on the centenary of the death of Haydn, and that one of the congresses preceding it was held at Leipsic on the occasion of the great Bach Festival. We, alas! in this country cannot boast names like these; nor are we in a position to celebrate the anniversary of men who in foreign countries have led the great art in which we are all interested. There was a time, indeed, when Britain bore its full share in the output of music, when we were not behind our Continental friends in our contributions to the art. I suppose we may say that without undue pride, as having represented the facts right down to the middle of the seventeenth century, and perhaps even later, to the death of Purcell. Why, after that, for a long period, we have to admit ourselves to have been, relatively speaking, barren in original production, I know not; nor perhaps is it within the power of any historical investigator to say why in this century such and such a country excelled in this and that art, and why the period of splendid production has so often in the history of the world been followed by periods as long of comparative barrenness. The fact, however, I think all will admit, is as I have stated it, and it is even possible to sayputting aside the overpowering personality of Handel, who can hardly be called an English musician, though so much of his art was produced in England, and may have been influenced by his English environment-it is unquestionably true to say that the original production in the eighteenth century and in much of the nineteenth century of British musical art centered in the main round church services in the great cathedrals, where a school, if not of profound originality, at least of great merit, has never ceased to flourish."

There is another paragraph from the English politician's address which we think will prove of interest to musicians.

"I believe that it would be well worth while for all those who take a deep interest in that kind of problem for a moment to put aside all other arts and concentrate on music; and for this reason, that we have got, through centuries of 'discussion on matters literary and artistic, into-I will not say a jargon of criticism; but we employ terms as if they were of universal validity in literature and other arts, having absolutely no meaning that I can see when applied to the art in which we are primarily interested. You may see such phrases as 'romanticism,' 'classicism,' 'materialism,' and 'impressionism' scattered up and down programs at concerts of good music; but they really have no meaning and no relevance to musical art. They are borrowed from literature, and when they are applied outside the scheme of literature to the esthetics of music. they become, in my opinion, if not absolutely unmeaning, as nearly unmeaning as possible. music has no element of copying Nature like art. It is not framed upon a study of Nature or man as literature is; it stands by itself, self-supporting, selfsufficing, not having to borrow either terminology or ideas from any of the sister arts. There is another most interesting peculiarity of music from the philosophic point of view, which is, that of all the arts it seems to be more intimately connected with what I may call dry scientific facts. Although I do not believe that out of the mathematical theory of the scale or of the chords or of the theory of harmony you can ever deduce anything in the nature of a true musical esthetic, still this intimate relation with mathematics and physics

puts it upon entirely separate ground." In addition to this musical speech by the leading English politician of the age, the British Government as a body showed its interest in the proceedings by inviting the foreign visitors of the Congress to a luncheon in the House of Commons. The Congress, therefore, had no cause of complaint for the recognition this great musical gathering received from the English. We notice, however, that a goodly number of the papers read dwelt on the leading position which England once held as a musically creative nation, which, of course, is tantamount to saying that England no longer leads as a musical producer. We must confess that a good many of the papers seem to us rather dry and unnecessary, for we can find the historical facts in

Of course, on the other hand, several of the articles were new. Albert A. Stanley, M. A., of Ann Arbor, Mich., for instance, read an interesting paper of the "Provincial Music Festivals in the United States." Joseph Summers, Mus. Doc., of Perth, Western Australia, read a paper on "Musical Education in Australia." Dr. Tobias Norland read a paper in German on the "English Music for the Lute in the Time of Shakespeare." And Henryk Opienski, of Warsaw, read a paper in French on "The First Polish Operas, and Their Influence on the Period of Chopin's Youth."

Sir Hubert Parry chose "The Meaning of Ugliness in Art." From the titles of these few papers our readers can see that the whole question of music must have been treated in the eighty or more papers read at the Congress.

INFORMATION has come to these offices from several sources of the establishment of a large conservatory in the suburbs of New York, representations having been made that an extensive building is in progress and that a very large registration of pupils has been accomplished, the conservatory be-

ing booked to open in the early fall. The Musical Courier finds upon investigation that no arrangements have as yet been made for the erection of such a building, which would take, at the least calculation, six months to build, nor has any definite negotiation been completed toward securing any building where such a conservatory could be housed. Therefore we advise any one in the profession, who has made or is about to make arrangements to join the so called conservatory, to undertake a thorough investigation before permitting their names to be connected with an enterprise so purely immaterial at the present time.

Messes. Breitkopf & Haertel inform The Musical Courier that they will publish within a few weeks a new violin concerto by Felix Weingartner. Fritz Kreisler will perform the work for the first time in public in Vienna, on October 28. Two more performances are announced, in Amsterdam and The Hague, and the 'performance in America, again with Kreisler as player, will take place in Boston during the coming winter. Hearings of the work are to follow in Berlin, London, Chemnitz and Paris, the date for the last named city being April 6, 1913.

HENRY RUSSELL, manager of the Boston Opera, cabled from Paris last week to Charles L. Wagner, associate manager with R. E. Johnston, that Clandestini, one of the musical directors of the Boston Opera, had died in Paris, September 5. Fabio Rimini has been secured to succeed Clandestini, who, by the way, had also been engaged to accompany Alice Nielsen and her company on a nine weeks' tour, beginning October 7.

Andreas Dippel to produce Puccini operas this winter? Even if he does, the fact remains that he demonstrated his ability to get on without them. The chances are that his independent stand brought the Milan royalty and other demands down to reasonable and feasible proportions.

#### LETTER FROM PROFESSOR AUER.

Attached is a letter received by The MUSICAL COURIER:

LOSCHWITE, Dresden, August 28, 1912.

To The Musical Courier:

In the August 14 number of The Musical Courser, which I have just read, is a correspondence from Dresden, dated August I, where, among other things flattering to me, there is quoted a remark made by me in the presence of other persons about one of my most recent pupils, Beatrice Horsbrugh, as follows: "Professor Auer spoke enthusiastically to many of those present about his pupil, Beatrice Horsbrugh, of whom he said that she had the light, low, clear, sweet tone, and the general style of the great Sarasate."

This must be a misunderstanding—I take the liberty of pointing out to the amiable correspondent that I never make comparisons even among my pupils, either during their studies or after they have become artists—still less would I make them between a young aspirant who has yet to win her spurs and one of the greatest violinists of all times—dead—alas!

If I had found the qualities of perfection mentioned in Miss Horsbrugh's playing I should have been the first to dissuade her from continuing her work with me. You would oblige me infinitely by giving space to these few lines in The Musical Courses.

Cordiallly,

PROP. LEOPOLD AUER.

It is possible that Professor Auer's remarks might have been misunderstood by The Musical Courier correspondent or the name of Sarasate have crept into the conversation in a different connection and yet with the same inferential result. At any rate, if there is anything more to say on the subject, it will come from our Dresden correspondent.

One of the interesting statements of Madame Nordica upon her return to America last week was to the effect that she will sing the role of Tosca this winter for the first time in her life. The premiere is to take place at the Boston Opera.

### Madame Nordica's Free Singing Classes.

Madame Nordica announces that her free singing class will be resumed again this year under the direction of Madame Gardner-Bartlett. This class is the only one of its kind now existing, and is for all who wish to sing and

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who cannot afford private instruction. Those who have watched the progress of this class being taught a technic "en masse" wonder at results. Applications have already been so many that two classes will be formed, as the Political Equality Association Hall has not sufficient seating capacity for the increase of members.

#### Wisconsin Conservatory of Music.

The Wisconsin Conservatory of Music, which opens its season September 9, can easily be ranked with the leading musical institutions of the West. Since its reorganization a year ago, under the direction of William Boeppler, and his associate director, Hans Brüning, the conservatory has made tremendous advancement, having enrolled seventeen hundred and tifty pupils last season. The faculty, which numbers seventy-five thoroughly competent teachers, is one that any institution might be proud of, and every branch of musical art is in the hands of competent instructors.

Several additions have been made to the faculty for the coming season. These are Frederick Carberry, the Chicago tenor; Glen Dillard Gunn, lecturer and music critic of the Chicago Tribune; Alexander MacFadyen, the well known composer; Claude Saner, leading tenor of the Aborn Grand Opera Company; Frank Olin Thompson, late director of the piano department of Des Moines College of Music; Edith Weil, prominent in the art of expression and drama; Dr. Oscar Loehr, lecturer on treatment of the human voice; Kathrine Norton, pianist, and Frederick Wergin, tenor.

The standard of the conservatory has always been of the very highest, and this will be maintained.

Dr. Louis Frank, president of the Wisconsin Conserva-

Dr. Louis Frank, president of the Wisconsin Conservatory, has done much to foster good music in Milwaukee, and his ambition to make the conservatory one of the best equipped music schools in the United States is most praiseworthy.

John H. Frank, who has been connected with the conservatory for many years, again will give his valuable services in assisting the management

#### Irma Seydel with New York Symphony.

Irma Seydel, the young Boston violinist, has been engaged by the New York Symphony Orchestra for the concert in the young people's series to take place at Carnegie Hall, November 23. This will be the first concert of the season.

#### Potter and Althouse for Syracuse Club.

Mildred Potter, the contralto, and Paul Althouse, tenor, have been booked by Walter Anderson for one of the concerts to be given this season by the Arta Club of Syracuse, N. Y.

Many prominent managers like Frohman, De Koven, Lew Fields and the Shuberts are looking with interest at the development of such a class for possible talent in the near future, not only the class, but the "class" of girls and boys working for a real purpose in life, who will bring in



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time a much needed standard to the profession, a standard which the public should demand for humanity's sake. Voice tests will take place at the studio of Madame

Voice tests will take place at the studio of Madame Gardner-Bartlett, 257 West Eighty sixth street, New York, Mondays in September (16, 23 and 30), from 6.30 to 9 p. m.

#### Richard Burmeister, Sister and Pupils.

The photograph herewith reprodued shows Richard Burmeister with his sister (on his left) and some of his pupils, at Lohme, on the Island of Rugen, in the Baltic



RICHARD BURMEISTER AND PUPILS

Sea. Mr. Burmeister is at present spending the balance of the summer in Gmunden, Austria, and will return to Berlin the middle of September.

#### Martin and Ganz Racing at Sea.

Charles L. Wagner, associated with R. E. Johnston in the management of great artists, states that the same mail last Monday brought him letters from Riccardo Martin, the Metropolitan Opera tenor, and Rudolph Ganz. the Swiss pianist. Mr. Martin writes that "he will sail from Cherbourg, September 11, on the Kaiser Wilhelm the Second, and will arrive in New York, September 17."

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Mr. Ganz writes that he will sail from Cherbourg, September 11, "on the Kaiser Wilhelm the Second, and that he will reach New York on September 18."

Besides artistic blood there is a strain of sporting fluid coursing in Mr. Wagner's veins and so he wants to know which of these artists "will land in New York first." Both write that they are on the same steamer, sailing the same day, but are not agreed as to the date of their arrival.

Berlin's Blüthner Orchestra spent its summer season in giving concerts at Schwalbach and Schlangenbad.

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I intend to put out a Baedeker for Americans at Bayreuth, and by way of advance advertisement, publish some extracts herewith:

It will not help you to carry your money in large bills. They can change anything at Bayreuth.

Do not ask for a drink of water at the restaurants or the waiters will know that you are not a real Wagnerian. If your bed is not satisfactory at the hotel, remember the hard couch upon which Brünnhilde has to sleep.

Whenever any one says to you: "Well, how does it compare with the Metropolitan?" counter by replying: "The individual singers are better in New York, but of course you can't get the atmosphere of Bayreuth on Broadway."

Go up to any artist you recognize and say: "Pardon me, but I've heard you at the Metropolitan."

When you visit Wagner's tomb remember that everything worth saying has been said there by other tourists. Just look at the grave and keep silent.

Don't denounce the landlady for charging exorbitant room rent. She didn't tell you to go to Bayreuth.

Translate the price of your seats into American money and then discover that it is more than the Metropolitan charges. Tell the ushers. They will be interested.

Don't order your seats in advance. The "sold out" stories are all bosh. If they claim to be unable to sell you a ticket tell them how many miles you traveled to be there, how disappointed you are, and that you intended to write up the performance in your home paper. Then offer to slip the doorman twenty-five cents to let you in, and in the event of his refusing, ask loudly for Siegfried Wagner (the Siegfried Wagner ruse is particularly clever and perfectly safe, as there is no earthly chance of their sending for him).

If you are asked at short notice for your opinion of any of the performances, say quickly: "The ensemble is marvelous.

Should some one inquire: "Did you notice what they do here in the second act?" deliver retort: "Yes-characteristic, isn't it?"

In case you commit the unmentionable crime of applauding at the wrong time, take poison before the Wagnerites have a chance to get at you

Don't tell any one in Bayreuth that it is your first visit, or you will have to hear how much better the performances were in 1884, 1889, 1893, etc.
To the query: "Did you hear Mottl's 'Tristan'?" reply

confidently in the affirmative. He is dead and cannot con-

Probably you will be unable to procure hot water for shaving. In that event let your whiskers grow and look like Wotan

Wear a golf cap and knickerbockers to the Festspielhaus. Cosima Wagner may not see you.

Sleeping is easy during the performances, as they keep the auditorium dark. A few pfennigs judiciously bestowed will enable you to leave a call with the usher and be awakened five minutes before the close of each act.

Don't object to candle light in your room. It will give you an excuse not to read your "Key to the Nibelungen Cycle."

sure to buy a large clay bust of Wagner. It will break in your trunk long before you sail for America and this saves you the trouble of extended cartage.

Send your music teacher at home a picture postal from Bayreuth and write thereon: "Saw a wonderful performance of 'Meistersinger.' Wish you had been with us. The Mrs. wishes me to let you know that little Marjory will not resume her piano lessons next year, as she will be too

Pin a tiny American flag on your breast, but to make sure that no one overlooks your nationality, express your constant and loud dissatisfaction with Bayreuth, the performances, the food, the railroads, the prices, the German language, the people, the Emperor. That will serve to show foreigners their true inferiority.

And never forget that, after all, there is only an ocean

which you have to cross in order to be home.

Nathan Fryer, a pianist as able as he is modest, played a lot of Liszt for a few of us the other evening and impressed every one with his extremely sympathetic and mu-sical touch and his sensitive and poetical interpretation. Fryer is a Leschetizky disciple and amused the company with many humorous stories about his master. One of them concerned Professor Epstein, of the Vienna Konservatorium, who was noted for having anything but a good octave technic. Leschetizky, hurrying along a side street, bumped into Hellmesberger. "Hello!" greeted the latter, "why this hurry?"

"I'm going to the celebration."
"What celebration?"

"At Epstein's."

That's news to me. What's he celebrating?"

"His hundredth octave."

Arthur Hartmann has completed a symphonic poem, and Charles W. Cadman last week put the finishing touches to his new Indian grand opera. If this be an inside tip to the publishers, let them make the most of it.

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Felix Philippi has been publishing interesting reminis-ences of the "Parsifal" premiere at Bayreuth in 1832. cences of the He writes: "At the rehearsal which I was allowed to attend only three spectators besides myself were present. In one of the front seats I saw the sharply profiled face of Liszt, with his long, white hair, and next to him Madame Cosima, both of them deeply engaged in following the



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score which lay open before them. Then I saw Wagner. He was running up and down a bridge which had b built from the parquet to the stage in order to enable him to reach the performers quickly during the pauses, give them directions, answer questions, and chatter with everyone concerned. Wagner had the mobility of quicksilver and made the trips to and from the stage with the rapid, impatient gait of youth. I had seen him several times in Munich and Bayreuth and spoken to him, but on this occasion I was particularly struck with the fact that his appearance did not seem to correspond with his gigantic creat tions. Of course the queerly shaped head with the promi-nent forehead (behind which lay a whole world of mighty thoughts) indicated tremendous will power and irresistible energy, but his insignificant figure did not at all answer to the mental picture which those who never had seen him might have conceived of the creator of heroes and gods. Wagner's red silk handkerchief hanging from his pocket, the white waistcoat, the large cravat, the soft collar, and the ill-fitting light colored trousers-all those accessories suggested as their owner a provincial German professor rather than this revolutionary who overcame all obstacles, stormed the very heavens, and penned immortal strains. Then, too, he spoke unaffected Saxon dialect, in an unmelodious singsong voice. However, one forgot mere outward manifesta-tions in watching the little giant at work. It was wonderful how that astounding creature, conquering bodily ills with sheer energy, seeing everything, understanding everything, miming all emotions and actions for his singers, revealing infinite patience, and radiating sunshiny friendliness-it was wonderful how he fascinated every one and dominated his artists with the power of his personality. The fire that animated him seemed to leap into the veins of all the others and to inspire them. Not even the tiniest detail escaped him. He saw with a hundred eyes, he heard with a hundred ears. He corrected faults in the costumes,

heightened or lessened the intensity of the light, regulated the tempos-oh, it was miraculous! Than he, no more resourceful or able stage manager ever existed."

In an English exchange, we get this narrative:

Walter Damrosch, the musical conductor, played in his youth in a noted orchestra. He wore, as is the way with musicians, long hair and unusually bushy besides.

A thin haired violinist seated behind Mr. Damrosch in the orchestra used to take exception to the young man's immense coiffure. He said one day:

"Look here, Damrosch, why don't you get your hair cut? Then, maybe, I could see the conductor."

Damrosch answered calmly over his shoulder:

"Why don't you learn to play better? Then you'd sit in front of me.

The foregoing is very fine and absolutely correct, except for the fact that Walter Damrosch never played in an orchestra and never wore his hair long.

'The reopening of the Metropolitan Opera House," one reads in the New York Herald, "promises to surpass in brilliancy the opening night of last year." Just what does that mean?

Alexander Lambert remembers a pleasant anecdote about Heinrich Conried, predecessor of Giulio Gatti-Casazza at the Metropolitan Opera House. When the sagacious Con-ried first saw the stage directions of "Parsifal" he threw his arms over his head and shouted: "What does Wagner mean by directing moving landscapes and disappearing castles? Ye gods, that will cost me \$40,000."

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The Lambert story reminded Robert H. Davis of another. Davis now is a literary man and a Munsey Magazine editor, but he admits that in the reprehensible years of his earlier career he wrote playlets for vaudevillainous purposes. An Irish actor bought a Davis piece whose action transpires in the dead of winter. The author desired his characters to come on covered with snow. At the premiere, the young couple who had the first entrance were attired in light, airy clothes, and showed no signs of having been through the rigors of the wintry weather out-But not so the Irish actor, who was the "star" of the troupe. He stamped his way into the room, blew on his fingers, puffed and snorted, and shook veritable showers of beautiful white snow from his cap, his muffler, his coat, his shoes, his sleeves. "Never before," relates Davis, even in my travels through the quasi Arctic regions, had I ever seen so much snow on any single human being."
When the curtain fell, the author rushed behind the "I say," he expostulated, "why on earth did you let that couple come in wearing summer clothes and straw hats, when everybody is supposed to have gone through a snow storm?" "Pwhat?" shouted the Irish star, "let thim bum acthors have snow, too? Why, man aloive, that asbestos snow I use cost a dollar and a half a pound. D'ye think I'm Vanderbilt?"

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Carl Lanzer, now of San Francisco, continues to send forth defis to all the celebrated violinists of the daring them to meet him in a fiddling contest "for the championship of the world," which is to take place at the Panama Exposition in 1915. But let a letter received from Carl Lanzer, Jr., set forth some further explanatory de-

To the Editor:

SUNNYVALE, Cal., August 14, 1912

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER-Enclosed you will please find clippings and challenge sheet of the great New York violinist and great violin maker, whose success is now going before him.

The virtuoso was a pupil of the great Edward Mollenhauer, who was the founder of the first conservatory of music in America, and the first violinist in the country to play the Beethoven concerto and the other classics at the first public concert of the New York Philharmonic Society in 1852 in New York City.

Lanzer is distinctly an American product, having re-ceived every note of his musical education under the Stars and Stripes, and is the only violinist that plays on violins made by the virtuoso himself. The American

Paganini's challenge for 1915 has awakened the music centers of the world

Yours truly,

CARL LANZER, JR.

Press Representative.

In the challenge sheet spoken of by the American Paganini's son, Papa Lanzer "challenges all comers, and par-ticularly Ysaye, Kreisler, Kubelik, Elman, Kocian and Sir Henry Heyman. It is stated also that "endurance and trick fiddling will be permitted to count for points, al-though these are American characteristics developed in continuous vaudeville and it is not to be presumed that Mr. Lanzer wishes for any undue advantage over his for-eign opponents." Studying the Lanzer repertory from the programs sent to this office one finds that the challenger of Ysaye and others plays "'Comin' Thro' the Rye' with bagpipe imitations," "'Nearer, My God, to Thee,' with quasi-hard accompaniment," "'Old Folks at Home' with banjo imitations," and "'Home, Sweet Home' played as a duet for one violin." When approached directly on the subject of meeting Lanzer in open combat, Wieniawski rules and catch-as-catch-can, Messrs. Ysaye and the rest gave evasive replies and quibbled about the size of the purse. It is plain that they are afraid.

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Lanzer's accompanist is Emily Battle, and one of her solo numbers was a composition with the amazing title: "Farewell to Mascagni." Why farewell? Farewell as a composer, or in connection with his recent little pleasure trip to Paris? The composer of the "Farewell" is not mentioned on the Lanzer program. Perhaps Madame Mascagni wrote it.

From Neuchatel, Switzerland, Organist William C. Carl sends a challenge to the writer of these varied notes to meet him in combat at tennis. If William C.'s feet get across the courts as quickly as they get across the pedals, the challenge is cravenly rejected herewith.

Antonio Scotti, the celebrated fiancé, now is reported to be engaged to Charlotte Ives, an actress, and will remain so as long as the newspapers keep the betrothal on the front page.

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With apologies to London Opinion, I submit this version: "'Thais' or 'Lohengrin'? Which now, my dear? 'Carmen' or 'Manon,' Caruso to hear? 'Hansel and Gretel,' or ought we to wait Patiently till they produce 'La Prophête'?"

Baffling the problem is year after year, Hard of solution when winter is here. Phyllis pooh-poohs every work I prefer; I contradict each suggestion from her

"Nothing excels 'Pagliacci,' " she cries. I laud "Aida" full up to the skies. "How about 'Siegfried'?" I say, and she'll sneer: 'Wagner is simply impossible, dear.'

So we will argue the con and the pro: Taxi and tickets I get for the show.
"Where?" asks the driver, in front of our home.
Smiling at Phyllis, I say: "Hippodrome."

LEONARD LIEBLING.

#### A Massenet Anecdote.

The death of Massenet has recalled to James Glover (writing in the Stage) an amusing story of the production of the composer's "La Navarraise" at Covent Garden under the Harris régime. A new bell had been "struck" for the production at a cost of £130, but at the first rehearsal it was discovered that it was a little sharp and Harris at once said, "Take it away, Collins, and order another." Both Massenet and his librettist, Henri Cain, were loud in their admiration of the great directeur who would go to much expense for so small a detail, but the dress re-hearsal came and the band (through insufficient rehearsal) were rather ragged-Flon, the conductor, protesting loud-A habel of French artists, authors and others demanded "Encore une autre répétition d'orchestre!" sible," said the impresario; "it would cost 35 guineas"—working out the band of seventy at half a guinea each for the extra rehearsal. Poor old Massenet turned to me in despair: "To pay £130 for a new bell, and not pay 30 guineas for an extra band rehearsal. But Sir Augustus was ever thus."-London Sunday Times.

#### Katherine Bloodgood to Resume Concert Work.

Katherine Bloodgood, the once popular concert contralto, has returned to the United States after several years' so-journ in Manila, where her husband was in the Government service. Madame Bloodgood has signified her intention to re-enter the concert field and will at once resum her coaching with George Sweet, her former teacher.

#### TETRAZZINI AT VILLA TETRAZZINI.

Last season while Madame Tetrazzini was in this couninvited Louis Blumenberg to her home in the Swiss-Italian Alps. Mr. Blumenberg promised the great diva that he would let her know during the summer when he could accept the honor, and on his arrival in Europe the date was arranged. On reaching Lake Lugano, Mr. Blumenberg was met by Ing. George Bazelli, the genial personal manager of Madame Tetrazzini.

Madame Tetrazzini is in the best of health and enjoying her rest after a strenuous tour in America and Eng-



ING. GEORGE BAZELLI AND LOUIS BLUMENBERG ARRIVING AT VILLA TETRAZZINI.

land. The Villa Tetrazzini is situated on Lake Lugano, and surrounded by a park, containing gorgeous plants of hundreds of varieties. It has a Kennel, containing many specimens of canine beauties, and many lovely birds are to be found on the verandas.

On the occasion of Mr. Blumenberg's visit, a veritable feast was prepared. The evening was given up to a gar-



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den party, where Neapolitan singers with mandolins and guitars dispensed national music. The entire villa was illuminated and lights of all colors made it a festive oc-

Madame Tetrazzini has her own moving picture theater and much enjoyment was derived from the motion pictures of Tetrazzini's unveiling of a bronze tablet on Lotta's Fountain in San Francisco, Cal., last winter.

The Villa Tetrazzini is distinguished not alone because it is Tetrazzini's Villa, but because a large American flag floats over its entrance.

The distinguished diva looks forward with pleasurable anticipation to her coming tour in the United States. She will be heard in opera in Boston, Chicago, Philadelphia and San Francisco, and on the Western tour of the Chicago-Philadelphia Opera Company.

#### A GRIMSON LEAFLET.

A terse, comprehensive, and authoritative booklet is the one put forth by Foster & David for Bonarios Grimson, the violinist, who is to tour America this season under their management. In the preface, the pamphlet states:

Bonarios Grimson, whom we are bringing to America for his first tour of this country, was for many years the favorite pupil of Joachim. He has appeared with distinguished success with all the great orchestras of Europe. His first New York appearance will be as soloist with the famous Philharmonic Orchestra in Carnegie Hall, February 2, 1013. His playing is the most satisfactory we have heard in years. He is a tone poet. He tells wonderful stories through his matchless instrument. He holds you by the wealth of his eloquent and musical skill, until when the last tone has ceased to vibrate you regret that the end has come as soon. He will be the great success in America that he has been in Europe.

An artistic photograph of the handsome violinist and

An artistic photograph of the handsome violinist and several pages of highly eulogistic European press ex-cerpts constitute the rest of the publication. "He plays with marvelous ease," "remarkable brilliancy," "wor fully developed technic," "full pure tone," "extraordi "extraordinary finish, correctness, and depth of feeling," "finely shaded tone," "every possible finesse," "great command of his instrument"—those are some of the words of praise taken at random from the Grimson collection of press reviews.

#### Flora Wilson's Recitals in Virginia.

Flora Wilson, the popular soprano, has given two interesting recitals in old Virginian homes. The first, August 27, was in the colonial seat of President Jefferson, Monticello. A large house party was assembled in the mansion, and many people were invited from Richmond, Charlottes-ville and the University of Virginia to hear Miss' Wilson's program. A varied selection of eighteen numbers delighted the guests, and Miss Wilson was obliged to give several encores. She reports the music room, especially constructed with perfect acoustics and carefully planned by Jefferson himself, one of the best audience ro ever appeared in.

The second recital was September 2 in the salon of Mr. Randolph, who occupies the Cole mansion, a magnificent colonial mansion completed 120 years ago. The occasion of this musicale was a large reception given in honor of several Virginians, just returning from Europe. One number that captivated the audience was "The Jewel Song" from "Faust," in costume. There were many ballads and Scotch songs, the fair singer giving a program that lasted nearly two hours, and the guests were yet demanding more.

Miss Wilson will give one of the concerts in the course at the University of Virginia, and has also a contract to appear in Richmond under the auspices of a church society there.

#### Spalding's Farewell to New York.

Albert Spalding will give a farewell New York recital at Carnegie Hall, Sunday afternoon, October 20. The violinist will present a unique program and his admirers will surely turn out to hear him on this day, as he will fill engagements abroad during the season of 1912-1913.

Spalding will sail from New York, November 5, on the Kronprinzessin Cecile. His tours in Europe will include Southern France, Russia, Italy, Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands, and next spring and summer in England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

During the past summer Spalding played at musicales in Newport. Bar Harbor and at towns along the New Jersey

#### Kürsteiner's New Studio.

Jean Paul Kürsteiner, the composer and teacher of pi-no and theory, will resume his teaching at the Belnord, Broadway and Eighty-sixth street, New York, September 16. October 1, Mr. Kürsteiner will open his new studio in the Narragansett, Broadway and Ninety-fourth street. He will also resume his classes at the Ogontz (Pa.) school, and these classes as well as his roll of pupils in New York, will be larger this season than last year.

#### SCHUMANN-HEINK THE REVERED ARTIST.

Extracts from the criticisms in the newspapers of Germany on the recent Bayreuth festival are again unanimous in expressing the greatness of Ernestine Schumann-Heink. Once more the reviewers stated that the Schumann-Heink voice remains "the great contralto voice of the generation"; again the critics declared that Schumann-Heink, the woman, had discovered the "secret of eternal youth, despite the fact that she is a grandmother."

As The Musical Courier stated last week, Madame Schumann-Heink returned on Labor Day aboard the steamship Cleveland from her latest triumphs in Bayreuth and Munich, where she appeared at the Wagner festivals. Since her return to America the artist has been overwhelmed with congratulations and the great warm heart behind this wonderful woman is once more reflected in the beaming countenance with which she greets every one, and it matters not whether it be a humble serving maid or man, or the most influential citizen of the land.

It was in a palatial suite of the Waldorf-Astoria on Friday afternoon of last week where Madame Schumann-Heink welcomed a representative from THE MUSICAL

The singer and Mrs. Henry Wolfsohn had just finished luncheon in the parlor of the private suite, and during the interview Mrs. Wolfsohn was appealed to by Madame Schumann-Heink to explain more fully some detail connected with the many appearances which the idolized contralto will make this season.

Extending both hands, Madame Schumann-Heink greeted the reporter from The Musical Courier. "You come to speak with me about Bayreuth? Yes, yes, I trust you do. Bayreuth remains my inspiration, my church. I have sung at the festivals there every season, but two, since 1896, and I declare to you I have never been more deeply impressed by the hallowed spirit that prevails there than I was this summer. Moreover, I had the best time of my life. For once I forgot all about German thrift—that is what they call it, nicht war? I do not mean that I was extravagant or wasted money, but I spent dollars more freely than in other years. In the first place, I had an entire apartment, so invited a number of young American girls to be my guests during the festival.

"But that was only the domestic side. I could speak in volumes about the performances. I consider Siegfried Wagner a marvelous stage director, and you can hardly conceive of the wonderful enthusiasm that attended the final performance of "Die Meistersinger," where Dr. Hans Richter made his farewell as musical director at Bayreuth. It was indescribable. At the close of the performance we were all in tears and much stirred when Siegfried Wagner himself tried to bring Dr. Richter out; but the venerable musical director positively refused to show himself, saying behind the scenes before the artists: 'That which the master did not allow I cannot consent to do.'

"Thus Hans Richter lived religiously up to a Wagnerian tradition.

"It is sad to think that Dr. Richter will never conduct any more performances at Bayreuth. His friends and colleagues do not share his belief that he is too old; such men never get too old for their art. But he himself says he wants to retire while the public has seen him in the vigor and spirit that is demanded of one entrusted to lead the performances at this Wagner shrine. Yes, yes, I shall sing at the next festival there in 1914. I promised this to Frau Wagner and Siegfried Wagner before leaving."

The memorable performance of "Die Meistersinger"

The memorable performance of "Die Meistersinger" (the second of that opera), where Dr. Richter took his leave, was given on August 19.

After her eloquent espousals of the Bayreuth festivals, Madame Schumann-Heink talked with much of the same zeal about her recital programs for this season.

"Tell the musical world," averred the singer, "that I have added a large number of songs in English to my repertory. I shall sing selections from a new Indian cycle of songs by Stewart, the California composer, at my New York recital during the early part of January. I regard these songs as being more strikingly characteristic of Indian lore than any I have studied. I have some other songs by American and English composers that will be new to the American public."

When Madame Schumann-Heink had told about her new songs, Mr. Childs, of the Victor Company, and Mr. Adams, manager of the Wolfsohn Musical Bureau, were ushered in and then more cordial greetings followed. Mr. Childs, who had not seen the singer since her arrival, was honored with a fervent motherly kiss, and then taking the hand of this gentleman, Madame Schumann-Heink presented him to The Musical Course reporter, adding: "This is one of my fortunes, ah, ja," and the singer smiled as she only can smile.

In another room Madame Schumann-Heink and Messrs. Adams and Childs held a brief conference, and at its close all came back to the parlor smiling. The singer, not able to control her glee, explaimed: "Here I am back only a few days from Europe and I hear all sorts of good things. Mr. Childs reports a tremendous sale of my records, the largest ever, 'The Rosary,' 'The Cry of Rachei,' Schubert's setting of 'The Erl King,' and other Schubert lieder being among the best sellers."

Alone again with The MUSICAL COURIER reporter Madame Schumann-Heink said: "I owe more than I can tell you to the men who have managed my American tours."

"To the late Maurice Grau, and the late Henry Wolfsohn and to Mr. Wolfsohn's widow, and to Mr. Adams, I give the full credit for what has been done for me in the managerial line. I have always conferred with Mrs. Wolfsohn about my programs and I desire that the world shall know about it. I have many friends among my own sex, but at this moment I wish particularly to thank and extol Mrs. Wolfsohn for her artistic assistance and advice, and then turning to the domestic side I want you to know how much has been done for my younger children by Alma Sattler, the gentlewoman who is at the head of my home in Singac when I am touring. I could truly kiss the ground upon which Miss Sattler walks because of the services she has rendered in helping me to bring up my three younger children. Her service has been beyond price."

When Madame Schumann-Heink was asked her opinion about the present woman movement, she seemed rather perplexed but in a moment she was prepared to answer the present in a moment she was prepared to answer the present in a moment she was prepared to answer the present in the p

"As the mother of a large family, and as an artist, I have had little time to think about politics; it hardly seems to me that the women of America need the ballot, since they have more liberty than the women of almost any country; the American men are princes; they are devoted to their wives and give them everything and then allow them to rule besides. I have no criticisms to make about the suffragettes since I have not studied the subject, but as I am a bit old fashioned in my ideas I cannot truly say that I like the idea of women being mixed up in politics."

Turning the interview into a humorous vein, Madame Schumann-Heink laughed heartily as she told about her experience with the Custom House inspectors when she arrived at this port Monday of last week.

"As I felt like spending money this summer, I bought some nice things, including a valuable coat; the manner in which I declared every item in the new merchandise rather amused the customs inspectors and we had a real good time over it. I cannot too strongly condemn those who attempt to defraud the Government by smuggling clothes and jewelry into the country. As an American citizen, naturally I want the Government to receive what is its due."

Concerning the great West, Madame Schumann-Heink spoke in the most cordial terms. "I have friends all along the line in the West," she said, "and somehow I feel as if I am better informed about conditions in the Middle West and Far West than about the East."

As THE MUSICAL COURIER stated last week, Madame Schumann-Heink is to be heard in opera with the Boston and Philadelphia-Chicago companies this season; she has been especially engaged for Wagnerian roles.

Madame Schumann-Heink's season will open with a recital at Calgary, Alberta (Canada), Wednesday evening, September 18, and this will be her first appearance in that city.

Her concert appearances in the East will include five appearances in New York and two in Brooklyn; as for many years Madame Schumann-Heink will open the season in Brooklyn, Thursday evening, October 17, at the new Academy of Music, under the auspices of the Brooklyn Institute. Besides recitals and operatic performances she will sing twenty-five times with orchestra during the season.

On her tour this season Madame Schumann-Heink will have her son, Ferdinand Schumann-Heink, as her secretary and personal representative.

Madame Schumann-Heink's tact and good nature in meeting the Custom House officials is characteristic of the woman, whose sense of mirth is one of the things that endear her to legions. The wonderful personal magnetism of the woman, her outspoken sincerity on all subjects and her anxiety to be just to all the world have been established.

The writer would like to whisper a secret to the readers of The Musical Course, and that is the great artist never looked handsomer; some women, like wine, improve with years, and Schumann-Heink is one of these rare women. Her complexion last Friday had the freshness of a young girl of eighteen; the skin was smooth as velvet; the dark kindly eyes were aglow with health and happi-

ness; the hands of the singer, so shapely and maternal, would delight the eye of a sculptor; it is some figure of history or mythology that Schumann-Heink recalled as she entertained her callers last week, wearing a seasonable gown of white embroidered linen (last Friday was very humid and hot) and some ornaments most becoming to her queenly type. Whether entertaining a cowboy on the Western prairie, a king on a European throne, her managers, her friends, or casual callers, this remarkable woman never fails to say and do the right thing.

Ernestine Schumann-Heink is a woman in ten million.

#### Elsa Deremeaux at Rockland, Me.

Among the early recitals during the autumn in New York will be the debut of Elsa Deremeaux at the Little Theater. Madame Deremeaux is an American of German and French ancestry. She studied for years in Europe with Godowsky and in New York with Joseffy. There is teal poetry in her playing, as the listeners discover when she performs Chopin and Schumann compositions; there is also a who-csome sanity in her performances which will



ELSA DEREMEAUX IN MAINE.

be made manifest when she makes her bow to a metropolitan audience the end of next month.

Madame Deremeaux is still enjoying her holiday up in Rockland, Me., and it is from that healthful retreat that a friend sent the snapshot herewith reproduced.

Madame Deremeaux is under the management of Antonia Sawyer. Besides the recital, Mrs. Sawyer will present Madame Deremeaux at several joint recitals in the winter.

#### Ronald Admires Irene Scharrer.

R. E. Johnston, the musical manager of New York, received a letter last week from Landon Ronald, of London, in which Mr. Ronald expresses his high opinion of Irene Scharrer, the young pianist, who is to play in America this season under the Johnston management.

An extract from Mr. Ronald's letter states:

She (Miss Scharrer) is in every sense a great artist, both technically and intellectually. She has played from time to time nearly the whole piano repertory concertos at Queen's Hall, in the Sunday concerts at Albert Hall and in various important provincial centers. Her success with an audience is always immense, and the critics and the artists have long accepted her as one of the greatest living woman pianists.

I can only heartily wish her half the success in America that she has had with us here.

#### Where They Are.

Charles Dalmores is at his villa in Coppet, Switzerland.

Ernesto Consolo and César Thomson are at Lugano, Switzerland.

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Madame Lipkowska and Georg Baklanoff have been staying at Cernobbia, Italy.

Cleefonte Campanini has left Carlsbad and gone to his home in Italy. He sails for New York October 1.

#### Hartmann for Syracuse Arts Club.

Arthur Hartmann, the violinist, has been engaged for the February concert of the Syracuse Arts Club.

### CLARA DE RIGAUD RESUMES HER WORK.

·Clara de Rigaud, for many years one of the prominent singing teachers of New York, returned from a four months' trip to Europe last week, greatly improved in health and in fine spirits as she resumes her work with professional singers and many young and ambitious students. Last season illness prevented Madame de Rigaud from giving public concerts as she did in previous years, but now that she is herself once more her recitals will be

resumed during the season of 1912-1913, While abroad Madame de Rigaud to Carlsbad and it has resulted wonderfully for her for she appears to be in more radiant health than in the days en she moved everybody by her womanly charms.

The accompanying picture shows Madame de Rigaud and



CLARA DE RIGAUD AND HER BROTHER, FRANZ NIEDER-HEITMANN, OF MAGDEBURG.

her brother, Franz Nieder-Heitmann, of Magdeburg, Germany, where he is regarded as one of the great authorities on violins. Herr Nieder-Heitmann is not a musician; but, like most well born Germans, he is devoted to the art and he has made and is particularly interested and devoted to the violin, violin makers and violinists. He, himself, has recently discovered some secret that improves the wood of the German instruments, and in some instances makes them appear in quality of tone like some of the old Italian makes.

As to Madame de Rigaud, she was most happy to meet her relatives and friends in the Vaderland and they in turn were overjoyed to see her. They held some touching reons, but this article is first of all intended to tell more of Madame de Rigaud's professional plans for the season. Her standing as a teacher will be understood when one reads the names of some pupils who have studied singing or who have coached with her.

Some of the best known are mentioned as follows:

Frieda Langendorff, Metropolitan Opera, New York, and Royal Operas, Berlin, Vienna. Concert tours throughout the United States. Operas, Berlin, Vienna. Concert tours throughout the United States. Christian Hansen, tenor of the Boston Grand Opera Company and prominent opera houses in Europe. Season 1910-11 star tour with th: New American Opera Company.
Fanny Furguson, Savage Grand Opera Company. Leading soprano Philharmonic Concert Company.
Santa Marelli, prima donna Italian Grand Opera Company.
Lola Sachs, concert and recital tour through Germany and Amsterlie.

rch, New York City (three years), Eglise de St. Esprit (one ve Scholey, contralto sololst with Toronto Festival Orchestra

Sophie Rosenstein, concert cratorio recitals, Frankfort-on-Main,

Rosamonde Chetham, concert, oratorio, recital. Elsie Anglin, operetta companies.

Mabel Leggett, coloratura soprano, concert tour with Rednath

usical Bureau. Bertha Taylor, soloist Protestant Church, Madison, N. J. Pauline Bachman, bead of vocal department, Wesleyan College,

Helen Sousa, daughter of John Philip Sousa. Marie Volpe, wife of Arnold Volpe, the New York musical di-

itison.

Mra. H. R. Lee, a cousin of Madame Melba.

Anna Francis, "Madame Sherry" Company.

Celeste Wynne, eight years leading parts with Savage Opera Com-

nay.

Jane Wyche, soloist Christian Science Church.

Margaret Reiner, niece of Rozenbaum, the theatrical manager.

Sade Wertheim, leading woman in "The Climax."

Mrs. T. Lion, prominent church singer in Kanasa City.

Jane G. Wieck, soloist of choir in Youngstown, Ohio. Louise Jenkins, a popular Kansas City singer,

Among the new pupils at the De Rigaud studios, 2647 Broadway, New York (The Linlaugh), there are five sent from Youngstown, Ohio, by Miss Wieck, and three from Kansas City, in addition to Miss Jenkins, who returns for another year's study with Madame de Rigaud.

In a letter to Madame de Rigaud from Miss Wieck,

this enthusiastic young lady writes:

Your method is working out beautifully in my voice; it is not the same voice at all; people in the church have remarked so much; they are simply delighted every week, for my voice seems better. I am very grateful for the help it is to me in teaching; I can see the greatest difference in the voices of my pupils. . . friends will go to you for instruction next winter.

#### MEXICANS EAGER TO HEAR BONCI.

From the City of Mexico it is reported that not since Adelina Patti and the palmy days of Tamagno has there been such a stir in that historic city as there is over the coming of Alessandro Bonci, the great exponent of bel canto. A few days after the date of Bonci's appearances were announced at the Teatro Arbeu, this autumn, all the best seats were subscribed for, and in another day or two all the seating capacity had been pre-empted.

The operas chosen for the Mexican engagement will include: "Sonnambula," "Norma," "Puritani," "Carmen," "Pearl Fishers," "Mefistofele," "Favorita," "Lucia," "Marinclude: "Fedora," "Andre Chenier," "Faust," "Pagliacci, "Boheme" (Leoncavallo), "Cavalleria Rusticana," "Manon" (Massenet), "The Huguenots," "Gioconda," "Boheme" (Puccini), "Tosca," "Madama Butterfly," "Manon" (Puccini), "The Girl of the Golden West," "The Barber of Seville," "Samson and Delilah," "Mignon," "Aida," "Trovatore," "Masked Ball," "Rigoletto," "Traviata," "Otello" and "Lohengrin."

#### Herbert Sachs-Hirsch and His Father.

Herbert Sachs-Hirsch, the pianist, with his father and mother and several friends, recently completed a long utomobile tour of New Jersey, and this was followed by a three weeks' sojourn at Asbury Park. The picture herewith shown presents the artist and his father in their touring car. The pianist is at the wheel. In a letter to a friend young Mr. Sachs-Hirsch writes: "I have become a full fledged motor fiend; I find that it provides exhilaration and makes one keen witted, and therefore is splendid



HERBERT SACHS-HIRSCH AND HIS FATHER.

sport for any one who aims to do some one thing supremely well in the world."

Mr. Sachs-Hirsch, under the management of R. E. John ston, is looking forward to a season filled with musical activity and enjoyment.

#### A Chautauqua Endorsement for Pagdin.

Walter R. Anderson, manager of William H. Pagdin, has received a letter from Alfred Hallam, musical direc-

tor of Chautauqua Assembly, N. Y., in which Mr. Hallam commends in strong terms Mr. Pagdin's splendid work during the Chautauqua season this sum

New engagements just booked for Mr. Pagdin by Mr. Anderson include a performance of Elgar's with the Orpheus Club, of Halifax, N. S., March

Mr. Pagdin has resumed his vocal activities at his Carnegie Hall, New York, studio.

#### Samuel B. Garton Is Popular.

Samuel B. Garton, the progressive and genial manager of the Chicago Choir Bureau, is a man who has gained a world of friends throughout the country by his desire to send forth only artists of real merit, thoroughly equipped, to fulfill the required standards which modern clubs and

Mr. Garton's integrity, together with sagacious foresight and energy, place him in an enviable position in the Midwhich fact both artists and clubs are awakened to. Mr. Garton, perhaps, enjoys his chosen field with unusual zest, as he himself is possessed of a superior tenor voice, which has had excellent training, and constant demands are being made upon him for engagements both in



SAMUEL B. GARTON

Chicago and neighboring cities, in church, oratorio and

Mr. Garton will teach at the Columbia School this season.

#### Lionel Hayes-Robsarte Studios.

Lionel Hayes-Robsarte, who brings to this country testimonials from such masters as De Trabadelo, Lherie, Koenig, Sbriglia, Cortesi, Cognet, Vannucini and Santley, has opened a studio of singing at the Hotel Woodward, Fifty-fifth street and Broadway, New York. As a singer (he is a tenor) Mr. Hayes-Robsarte has attracted notice in Europe and as a teacher he has achieved wonderful results. Among his pupils are leading concert, recital and opera singers on both sides of the Atlantic. The Hayes-Robsarte studio was ready for pupils last week and before the end of the month the master will have his classes nearly filled for the season,

#### Oklahoma Musical Academy.

The Oklahoma Musical Academy, of which Alfred Price Quinn is the principal, is one of the prosperous schools of music in Oklahoma City. The new booklet just issued states that the autumn term opened September 9 with an increased enrollment of pupils. Mr. Quinn, himself, is one of the well trained musicians in the new West and has done his share to advance the art of music in his section.

#### Dudley Buck at Aeolian Hall.

Dudley Buck will open his new studio in the new Acolian Hall, on West Forty-second street, New York, op-posite Bryant Park, September 20. Mr. Buck has many new pupils enrolled for the season and all of those who studied with him last year are coming back this season.

#### Pilzer in Washington, N. J.

Maximilian Pilzer, the popular violinist, is spending his vacation at Washington, N. J.





The New Victorian Club, 30A Sackville Street, Piccadilly, W., LONDON, England, August 29, 1912.

At Government House Grounds, Aldershot, August 13, 14 and 15, a most interesting, picturesque and musical exhibition was given by the combined bands, drums and fifes, pipers and buglers of the Aldershot command. In other words, a grand searchlight tattoo was arranged under the direction of Senior Bandmaster Henry Sims of the Royal Artillery Mounted Band, at Aldershot, who having had ch experience in arranging tattoos, this one was left entirely in his hands and was carried out on similar lines to those held before. According to custom, if things permit, it will be an annual event. But last year conditions were not favorable for an exhibition, consequently this year's representation was the first since 1910. The number of bands entered was seventeen. Of individual bandsmen there were 660; of drummers and fifers, sixty; of pipers, fortytwo; of buglers, sixty, making a total of 822. The names of the bands and their division were as follows:

Band of First Battalion, Prince Albert, Somerset Light Infantry. Band of Second Battalion, Easex Regiment. Band of Second Battalion, Duke of Cambridge's Own Middlesex

egiment. Band of Second Battalion, Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light

Mantry.

Band of First Battalion, Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders.

Band of First Battalion, Dorsetahire Regiment.

Band of First Battalion, Loyal North Lancashire Regiment.

Band of Second Battalion, Suffolk Regiment.

Band of First Cavalry Brigade and Royal Artillery.

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Band of Sicond Dragoon Guards, Queen's Bays.

Band of Eleventh (Prince Albert's Own) Hussars.

Band of Nincteenth (Queen Alexandra's Own Royal) Hussars.

Band of Royal Artillery Mounted Band.

Band of First Battalion, Leicestershire Regiment.

Band of First Battalion, Hampshire Regiment.

Band of First Battalion, King's Royal Rifle Corps.

Band of Second Battalion, Royal Inniskilling Fusilers.

The program opened with the "First Post, sounded by the massed buglers of the First Battalion Prince Albert's Somerset Light Infantry, Second Battalion Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry, and the First Battalion King's Royal Rifle Corps. It was a very spirited introduction and was followed by the entry of the massed bands of the First Battalion Prince Albert's Somerset Light Infantry, Second Battalion Essex Regiment, Second Battalion Duke of Cambridge's Own Middlesex Regiment, and Second Battalion Oxford and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry, playing the "Old Comrades" march by Teike, under the conductorship of Bandmaster J. A. Mitchell of the First Somerset Light Infantry. In their scarlet and gold uniforms they presented a most attractive picture and gave a fine, rhythmic account of this old favorite march. lowing came the massed drums and fifes of the Third Battalion Coldstream Guards and the Second Battalion Scots Guards. In their massive bearskin headdress, with the white and scarlet and gold of their uniforms, they presented a striking picture as they marched and counter-marched around the great natural arena to the "Wairo" march, conducted by Drum Major Everett. A second entry of massed bands was ushered in to the strains of the Wellington" march by Zehle. These bands numbered the First Battalion Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, First Battalion Dorsetshire Regiment, First Battalion Loyal North Lancashire Regiment and Second Battalion Suffolk Regiment, conducted by Bandmaster G. E. Frayling, of the buglers of the First Battalion Prince Albert's Somerset

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First Loyal North Lancashires. The kilts and white spats of the Highlanders added a picturesque note to the massed color effect, and the musical ensemble was of fine tonal quality and inspiring rhythm. The entry of the massed Light Infantry playing "Bombay" followed, and in their green attire they added a new note to the color scheme



HENRY SIMS.

and displayed individually as in the ensemble a wonderful command of their instruments. They were conducted Bugle Major Cawater of the Somerset Light Infantry. They were conducted by

Arbuckle's march, "Rolling Home to Dear Old England," led in the following named cavalry and R. A. bands: First



H. SIMS REHEARSING THE MOUNTED BANDS OF THE ALDERSHOT COMMAND FOR A ROYAL REVIEW.

Cavalry Brigade and Royal Artillery, Second Dragoon Guards, Queen's Boys, Eleventh Hussars, Nineteenth Hussars, and Royal Artillery Mounted Band, conducted by Bandmaster J. W. Tucker, of the Nineteenth Hussars (Queen Alexandra's Own Royal Hussars). There is no

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need to say that the effects produced by the combination of these four bands were of the very finest order. Then came the massed drums and fifes of the Second Battalion cots Guards and First Battalion Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, under the conductorship of Pipe Major W. Ross, playing the "Stirlingshire Militia" march, with a wonderful precision. Then another combination of massed bands followed—First Battalion Leicestershire Regiment, First Battalion Hampshire Regiment, First Battalion King's Royal Rifie Corps, Second Battalion the Royal In-niskilling Fusiliers, under the conductorship of Bandmaster R. Watson Ramsey of the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, playing the march "El Abanico" by Javaloye.

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The work of the individual bands presented varied characteristics of perfection, namely, in the production of a general fine equality of tone, in an exhilarating rhythmic accent, a style and spirit at once brilliant and of great taste, and absolute freedom from all brassiness and clang tint. The work of the combined bands represented a superb perfection of discipline, much beauty of timbre in the amalgamated tone, and a fine sonorous quality in sustained tones and phrases, a marvelous execution of crescendos and decreacendoes, and a pervasive spirit of refinement characterizing everything presented. Under the conductorship of Senior Bandmaster Henry Sims the combined bands played a series of Empire airs beginning with "The Maple Leaf" for Canada, "Mandalay" for India, "Land of My Fathers" for Wales, "Let Erin Remember' for Ireland, "The Blue Bells of Scotland" for Scotland, "Home, Sweet Home" for England, and concluding with "Rule Britannia." These Empire airs were preceded by a virtuoso performance of the march "Action Front" by Blankenburg, and Sir Edward Elgar's "Land of Hope and Glory." Later a marvelously effective rendering of the "Vesper Hymn" by Beethoven and the introduction to the third act of "Lohengrin" further demonstrated the high standards of musical taste and judgment possessed by the bandmasters and the men under their control. In the Beethoven hymn, with the two separate sections of the band placed at opposite points to the main body, and answering in echo fashion the theme first announced by the principal section, assisted by tubular bell striking, Conductor Sims brought out with exquisite taste and tonal nuance (this latter being so greatly facilitated by the placing at answering points the two double-brass quartets) the lofty character and fine musical sentiment of this magnificent old Beethoven hymn. And again in the "Lohengrin" excerpt, the great artistic possibilities of the bands were most impressively apparent. . . .

Great enthusiasm prevailed on the playing of the traditional "Men of Harlech" march, and again on the playing of "God Save the Prince of Wales," which was preceded by a roll of side-drums from the faintest pianissimo to a wonderful double forte. This was repeated, and with "God Save the King" the finale of the program was reached.

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Special mention should be made of the impressive picture the massed bands formed as they marched forward across the arena to a point nearer the grand stand to the strains of the "Men of Harlech" march. And another very inter-esting feature was the playing, marching and countermarching of the Scottish pipers. They entered playing "The Seventy-ninth's Farewell," followed by the "Lord Blantyre" strathspey; then the "Captain Duff" reel, and Glendarrel Highlanders' march. The outstanding feature was the display of a fine rhythmic sense in their drummers, who are great experts. Mention also of the perfect intonation of the massed buglers in the "Last Post" must Here one heard not only unison playing, but be made. three and four part harmony, long phrases in thirds, and all of an absolute perfection of intonation. A perfection of technic distinguished every department, whether of the bandsmen, the fife and drum, the pipers, or the buglers. There was nothing slipshod, no tolerance of the inefficient, but a standard of the very highest excellence, a precision, and a discipline that was refreshing and stimulating.

A word must be said of Bandmaster Henry Sims, of the Loyal Artillery Mounted Band, Aldershot. Mr. Sims has nad over forty years' service, having joined the Fourth (Royal Iriah) Dragoon Guards, May 21, 1872. With that regiment he went through the Egyptian campaign of 1882, and was present at the engagements of Tel-el-Mahuta, El Magfar, Kassassin, Tel-el-Kebir, and the march and cap-

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School of Music and was promoted bandmaster in 1885. His first appointment was to the Cavalry Depot at Canter bury, but in 1886 he was transferred to the R. A. Mounted Band, where he has since remained as bandmaster. No bandmaster in the army has had more experience of hand-ling massed bands than Conductor Sims; there are 1,500 bandsmen, etc., in the Aldershot command. Mr. Sims has been honored with the Egyptian Medal, Khedive's Star, the Long Service and the Victorian Order medals. And it will no doubt interest the many MUSICAL COURIER readers to know something of the principal performers in the Royal Artillery Mounted Band, which information has been taken from a little booklet issued by Conductor Sims:

Streamt-Major A. W. Burgg.—Joined the Royal Artillery Mounted Band on August 16, 1880, so has over thirty years' service to his credit. Was nromoted sergeant-major of the band, January 21, 1892. Sergeant-Major Burgg is believed to have held the position of band sergeant longer than any in the army. He plays solo B flat clarinet in the military band and has done so for twenty-five years. In the string band he plays first violin, the exigencies of the band not permitting him to be solo clarinet in this as well. He has the medal for long service and good conduct.\* Sergeant-Marjor Burgg has a son in the band (Bombardier C. Burgg) who plays born in the military band, and first violin in the string. He also plays the harp and piano.

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Quarter-Master-Sergeant C. Self.—Plays the first B flat clarinet in the military band, and is leader in the string. Quarter-Master-Sergeant Self joined the Royal Artillery Mounted Band April 1, 1885, therefore has twenty-six years' service. He has held the position of quarter-master-sergeant since July, 1896. He has the medal for long service and good conduct.\* Quarter-Master-Sergeant Self also has a son in the band who plays the violin.

Sergeant O. Turner.—Joined the Royal Artillery Mounted Band on February 9, 1880, so has twenty-two years' service. Plays solo trombone in both bands. Sergeant Turner has a first class certificate of education (the highest in the army) and holds the good conduct medal.

Sergeant E. Steele.—Plays solo horn in both bands. He joined

of education (the highest in the army) and holds the good conduct medal.

Sergeant E. Steele.—Plays solo horn in both bands. He joined the Royal Artillery Mounted Band in March, 1850, thus having twenty-one years' service. Sergeant Steele also has a first class certifiate of education and the good conduct medal.

Sergeant G. H. Cooke.—Plays solo flute in both bands. He joined the Fourth Hussars in March, 1891, and purchased his discharge in October, 1896. Joined the Royal Artillery Mounted Band December 15, 1896. Sergeant Cooke has the good conduct medal.

Sergeant E. A. Weaver.—Solo obee in both bands. Plays also the harp and piano. Joined the Royal Artillery Mounted Band in October, 1898. He has a first class certificate of education.

Sergeant W. Soars.—Leading viola in the string band and first B flat clarinet in the military. Joined the Royal Artillery Mounted Band in October, 1898. He has a first class certificate of education. Sergeant Soars in also the pay sergeant of the band.

Corporal P. Rudd.—Is leading second violin in the string band and leading second B flat clarinet in the military. Corporal Rudd joined the Tenth Hussars in September, 1898, and was transferred

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ture of Cairo. In 1884 he was sent to the Royal Military to this band January, 1903. He has a first class certificate of edu-

Sergeant J. Kennedy.—Solo violoncello in the string band, and plays the B flat clarinet in the military. Joined the Royal Artillery Mounted Band in June, 1894.



THE ROYAL ARTILLERY MOUNTED BAND.

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Corporal F. D. Knight.—Flays solo inter and piccole in oois bands in turn with Sergeant Cooke, Joined the band in July, 1901.

Bombardier J. Foskett.—Solo cornet in both bands. Also plays the cello when required. Joined the band in October, 1900.

Bombardier F. A. Johnston.—Solo E flat clarinet in the military band and first violin in the string. Joined the Royal Artillery



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Bombardier C. Coombes is solo bass in the military band and plays the string bass in the string band. Joined the band in July,

Bombardier G. McDermott.—Plays the tympani in both bands. Bombardier McDermott also plays the bassoon, clarinet, althorn, plane and organ when required. He joined the Lincoln Regiment in November, 1896, and was transferred to the Royal Artiflery



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Bombardier W. M. Hawkins.—Plays the Austrian base in the military band and second violin in the string. He is also the clerk of the band. Joined the Royal Artillery Mounted Band in July, 1901.

Musician R. Booth.—Plays the first violin in the string band and trombone in the military. Joined the Second Cheshire Regiment in August, 1890, and was transferred to the Royal Artillery Mounted Band October, 1900. He has the good conduct medal.

Musician T. Collar.—Plays the B flat clarinet in the military band and violin in the string. Joined the East Surrey Regiment February, 1884, and was transferred to this band in May, 1892. Has the good conduct medal.

Musician G. Laishley.—Is solo caphonium in the military band and second trombone in the string. Joined the Fifteenth Hursars September, 1895, and rejoined into the Royal Artillery Mounted Band in December, 1907.

Band in December, 1907.

Musician C. Marcham.—Plays second bassoon in both bands and solo if required. Joined the Seventh Hussars in April, 1896, and was transferred to this band March, 1908. Has the South African

and Queen's medals.

Musician A. Moore.—Plays the solo clarinit in the string band and first B flat clarinet in the military. He joined the Royal Artillery Mounted Band in November, 1903.

Musician F. Simpson.—Is solo double bass in both bands. Also plays the B flat clarinet. Joined the East Yorkshire Regiment in February, 1893, and was transferred to this band in February, 1905. Has the South African and Queen's medals.

The Royal Artillery Mounted Band is one of the few "Staff" bands in the army and is permanently stationed at Aldershot. It represents, musically, the whole of the Royal Horse and Royal Field Artillery, numbering nearly 200 batteries, etc. It numbers fifty performers and has a string as well as a military band. The instrumentation of the two bands is as follows:

Military-2 flutes, 1 piccolo, 3 oboes, 2 E flat clarinets, 14 B flat clarinets, 1 aliq clarinet, 2 hassoons, 4 horns, 5 cornets, 2 trumpets.



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1 sarrusophone, 2 tympani—50.

2—2 flutes, 3 oboes, 3 clarinets, 2 bassoons, 4 horns, trombones, 2 tympani, 1 harp, 14 violius, 4 violas,

Here are two specimen programs from the R. A Artillery Mounted Band's repertory:

Festival march. Tannhauser
Overture, A Midsummer Night's Dream
Second symphony Beethoven
Reminiscences of WeberArranged by Fred. Godfrey
TraumereiSchumann
SchlummerliedSchumann
WiegenliedBrahms
Overture, La Dame Blanche
Orchestral suite, Peer Gynt
Five Songs without Words (Nos. 36, 3, 23, 30, 28) Mendelssohn
Selection, PatienceSullivan
Introduction to third act of Lohengrin
Grand march, Cornelius
Four Songs Without Words (Nos. 41, 48, 48, 27) Mendelssohn
Reminiscences of HéroldArranged by Fred. Godfrey
Symphony in B minor, Unfinished Schubert
Four characteristic dances from Casse NoisetteTschaikowsky
Overture, Academic FestivalBrahms
Two Hungarian Dances, Brahms
Symphony No. 6 (second movement)
Finale to third act Rigaletta Verdi

It is needless to say that conductor Sims has made many of the arrangements played by his band, nearly the entire list quoted above being scored for the R. A. Mounted Band by him.

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It may not be amiss to add a few notes on the part that the military band has played figuratively and literally in the many important musical periods of the past, a subject that has not had rightful attention paid it in the records of musical evolution. The military band may be

said to have been the first, if not the very first means of establishing and assuring instrumental music of an independent standing. It was the great prefiguration of the orchestral band, the great predecessor in the perfecting of all wind instruments, for which all wind instruments were perfected, to be later appropriated by the more facile and subtile string orchestra, which may also be said to have been developed from the very personnel forming the military band. In H. G. Farmer's invaluable two vol-umes, "The Rise of Military Music" and "The History of Military Music and Royal Artillery Band," the position that wind instruments and their combination which later became known as the military band has held and maintained from the earliest times and throughout the succeeding ages to the present day, and the dignity with which the trumpeters, heralds, and "King's were invested, are fully described and faithfully chronicled from many old and rare volumes on various historical subjects. Interesting in every detail is the information to be gleaned on the ancient Briton and Saxon trumpeters, and of the position of the minstrels, many of them trumpeters, who came into popular favor after the Norman Conquest, many of them holding high rank in the courts of the Norman monarchs. And the intervening years that witnessed the crusades and the great acquisitions gained from acquaintance with the East and the Saracen armies supply many an interesting connecting link in the great "wind" family down to 1760, when the clarinet is said to have been introduced to England by John Christian Bach (son of Johann Sebastian Bach).

This is not the place to attempt a review of the many wonderful improvements made in the individual instru-ments from time to time. It is too vast a subject. However, it may be said, en passant, that with the introduction of the valve mechanism, which was perfected through the genius of the Franco-Belgian maker, Sax, the emancipation of the brass instruments was consummated. This, along with the improvement made in the "woodwind," has given a massive gamut of tone color, and a technical possibility to the compass of the modern military band, that permits of the interpretation of every type of composition from the classic to the popular without sacrifice of any of the finer modes of musical expression. A change of "color" arrangement, and the thing is done! as witness the many excellent band arrangements of every school, made by the various bandmasters of the day. And a word on the clarinet, the "violin" of the military band, may be allowed. In Handel's time there were no clarinets in the orchestra; they did not enter into the orchestral ensemble until a much later period, notwithstanding Dr. Arne's scoring a part for clarinet in "Artaxerxes," in 1762, and also Haydn in "The Creation," etc. Neither had it, in its old form, any place in those first military bands of that famous musical monarch, Frederick the Great, of whom the great Johann Sebastian Bach is said to have remarked: "He is a monarch whose greatness and power in the sciences of war or peace, and no less in music, command the honor and admiration of all." And it may be interesting and profitable to remember that at this same period his son, Philipp Emanuel, was court musician and cembalist at the court of the great Frederick. As recorded in G. Miller's interesting litle booklet, the instrumentation of the first army bands of Frederick the Great was constructed of oboes, horns, bassoons, trumpets, tromnes and serpents. Later, in 1763, by this same monarch's order, the German military band was fixed at its famous number of eighty-two oboes, two clarinets, two horns and two bassoons, and became known throughout Europe as harmonie musik, and was the basic principle of all future bands. For this combination Beethoven con posed an octet in E flat, op. 103, and a rondino in E flat, and Mozart wrote three serenades for the same.

In the history of the English military band no organization has taken precedence of the Royal Artillery Band. The founder of this band was Major General W. Phillips, who in 1762 gave orders for a formation of a band after the German model. The band numbered eight men and their names are given in Mr. Farmer's book. A distinguished figure in military history is Major Genera' W. He served with great distinction in many engagements, and at Stillwater and Saratoga in the American Revolution. He died at Petersburg, Va., May 13, 1781. But that this band formed by Major General Phillips was not entirely satisfactory may be inferred from the fact that in 1785 an entire band from Hanover was sent over to England by the Duke of York, consisting of four clarinets, two bassoons, two hautboys, two French horns, one trumpet, and one serpent, and later this same royal personage added percussion instruments to the Eng-lish bands. But a return was made shortly afterward to But a return was made shortly afterward to the standard eight.

A list of the names of the bandmasters who have served the Royal Artillery Band from its inception to the present day incumbent may interest the readers of THE MUSICAL The list is as follows: 1772, Antony Rocca;

1774, Georg Köhler; 1777, Friedrich Wielle; 1802, G. Schnuphass; 1805, M. Eisenherdt; 1810, George McKenzie; 1845, William G. Collins; 1854, James Smyth; 1881, Cavaliere Ladislao Zavertal; 1907, Edward C. Stretton.

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Of George McKenzie, it is interesting to note that he was born at Fort Brooklyn, Long Island (America), in 1780. He was the son of a non-commissioned officer in the Royal Artillery, and returned to England with his parents while still a child of some eight years of age. His fame is well known to the older bandmen, he and William G. Collins being noted for their fine band arrangements of the classic and standard repertory.

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The Royal Artillery Mounted Band has had a somewhat different genesis, having grown from "the humble position of a small bugle band to one of the finest military bands in the service." Its first bandmaster was James Lawson, who became its directing genius in 1856 and served until 1886. One of its great accomplishments was to play the entire symphonies of Beethoven, Haydn and others, with its wind instrumental scoring alone. In November, 1886, the Duke of Cambridge having decided to have a Royal Artillery Mounted Band at Aldershot, twenty-eight of its men were taken as the nucleus of the new organization, and Henry Sims appointed conductor. It has been said that the military band needs a more comprehensive repertory, more es-sentially expressive of its own personality, peculiarities and complexities of construction. That it must eventually arrive in its own good time there is no doubt. In all musical history the instrument preceded its music. music which essentially fitted its peculiarities came at a much later date. And considering that the reorganization of the military band on the improved basis of instrument construction dates only from about the year 1846, the time has hardly arrived for a great military band music florescence. Some other "staff" bandmasters of fame, besides those who served the R. A. Band (above mentioned) were Dan Godfrey, of the Grenadiers; Fred Godfrey, of the Coldstreams; Charles Godfrey (junior), of the Scots Guards; Kappey, of the Chatham Marines, and William Winterbottom, of the Woolwich and Plymouth Marines; Waddell and Waterson of the First, and Froenherdt of the Second Life Guards. Of the "line bands," the following names are all worthy of mention: W. Miller, of the First Rifle Brigade, who wrote the march "I'm Ninety-five"; John Hartmann, of the Fourth Regiment, Twelfth Lancers (etc.), the composer of "An Evening in Berlin"; Crowe, of the Fourteenth Light Dragoons, and of Covent Garden Promenade Concert fame; Basquit, of the Fifty-eighth Regiment, who wrote the waltzes, "Kleine Camarad" and "Pastoral Songs"; Bonnisseau, of the Scots Greys, who composed the fantasia, "Robert Bruce"; Relle, of the Twenty-eighth Regiment, well known for his dance music, "Farewell Waltz" and "Spanish Beauty Quadrille"; J. Hecker, of the Eighty-fourth Regiment, composer of the fine waltzes, "Zephir Lufte," "Perlen der Gedanken" and "Die Schwebenden Geister"; Tamplini, of the Forty-eighth, Ninety-sixth and Twenty-fourth Regiments, the author of the "Bandsman"; Foster, of the Ninth Regiment, who wrote the overture, "Rob Roy"; Morelli, of the Seventysixth Regiment, a fine arranger; J. Sidney Jones, of the Fifth Dragoon Guards (father of Sidney Jones, of the composer of "The Geisha"), and founder of the Yorkshire Training College of Music. And many famous virtuosi of the clarinet, bassoon, trumpet, oboe and trombone. Other well known names are Percy F. Battishill, Manuel J. Bilton, Albert J. Cunningham, Robert G. Evans, Neville Flux, Charles Franklin, Benjamin Green, Frederic Haines, C. W. H. Hall, Charles H. Hassell, Charles Hoby, Edward Holland, Charles Lee, George Miller, George Miller, Jr., John W. Newton, J. M. Rogan, Arthur Stretton. Edward C. Stretton, Albert Williams, Frank Winterbottom and Frederick Wood. EVELYN KAESMANN.

#### Laura Graves Coaching with Wood.

Laura Graves, the contralto, who is to sing in America this season under the management of the Concert Direction M. H. Hanson, has notified her manager that she has been coaching in London with Sir Henry Wood and Percy Kahn, Mischa Elman's accompanist. In concluding her interesting letter Miss Graves writes:

"I would like to have you hear me sing to Kahn's accompaniments, such songs as Debussy's 'Mandoline' and his 'Romance'; also Dupare's 'L'Invitation au Voyage' and lieder by Bach, Schumann, Franz and Grieg."

During the season in London the past summer Miss Graves sang at concerts, one at the American Woman's Club, and "at homes" of prominent London society leaders.

American music publishers are about to begin a serious invasion of England, and before long the streets of London will sound like the streets of New York. This will force those of us who seek relief in journeys abroad to spend most of our time in Berlin and Paris.—New York Morning Telegraph.

#### Some Bookings for Culp.

Julia Culp's engagements thus far include New York, Boston, Chicago, Pittsburgh, Buffalo, Cincinnati, Detroit, Kansas City, Minneapolis, Omaha, Denver, and in the apring a long tour in the Northwest and California. She



Photo by M. D'Ora, Wein, JULIA CULP.

sings also at a big benefit concert in midwinter, and there is much interest everywhere regarding this wonderful artist. Later she also appears in Texas.

#### Celéne Loveland and Pupil.

Celéne Loveland has returned to Chicago from her nine weeks' sojourn in northern Michigan, and is busy at work on her winter concert programs in addition to teaching.

The accompanying snapshot shows Miss Loveland on the lawn in front of her summer studio, with one of her normal students—a talented young lady who taught last winter in a prominent girls' school of Minnesota, but has



CELENE LOVELAND AND NORMAL PUPIL

decided to remain in Chicago this year to study with Miss Loveland. Miss Loveland is shown seated, and her pupil, Miss Edwards, standing.

#### Holding and Yates Due Next Week.

Franklin Holding, the young American violinist, and C. C. Yates, of Norristown, Pa., a business man greatly interested in music, are passengers on the White Star steamship Oceanic due in New York September 16. Holding is to play at the Maine music festivals and then tour for three months with Beatrice LaPalme.

#### Sue Harvard's Holiday on Lake George.

Sue Harvard, the soprano of Pittsburgh, passed a delightful five weeks holiday on Lake George, N. Y. The singer has returned to her home and is looking forward to a year of engagements she is able to undertake because of her good health of mind and body.



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Returning on the Franconia last week, the same steamer u which they sailed on June 18 on which they sailed on June 11, were Felix Fox and his wife, who spent a delightful summer abroad visiting and traveling according to their fancy. Particularly interest-ing and enjoyable were their visits with Philipp in Switzerland and John McCormack in London. A trip across Switzerland from one end to the other with various stops on the way, a week in London and Rothenburg, two weeks in Paris, and visits of greater or less duration in Brussels, Bruges, Ostende, Cologne, Mainz, Nurnberg and Munich are other pleasant memories of the summer.

Plans have already been announced for visits of two orchestras from other cities to Boston during the new season. Of these the New York Philharmonic, with Madame Gadski as soloist, in a concert of Wagner music, should afford much pleasure judging by last year's performance. The Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra, under Emil Oberhoffer, is the other which will be heard in this city for the first time, though enthusiastically heralded by the excellent impression made at its New York concert last spring.

The management of the Copley-Plaza Hotel is to be congratulated on securing such an excellent musician as Willie Krafft as leader of the hotel orchestra. Mr. Krafft has been for many years one of the esteemed first violins of the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

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News has just reached this office of a very attractive series of joint recitals to be given by Frances Pelton-Jones on the harpsichord with Paul Dufault, the well known tenor. These recitals, which will feature the songs of Lola Carrier Worrell, the Denver composer, are to be given in costume and will consist of historical-romantic songs with a few modern ones. The White-Smith Company, of this city, publishers of Mrs. Worrell's songs, have received a request for "In a Garden," "Autumn Reverie," "Who Knows," "Mistress Mine" and "Absence," in which Mr. Dufault is particularly interested.

BLANCHE FREEDMAN

#### Re-engagements for Christine Hiller.

Christine Miller has been engaged for the first concert of the Cincinnati Orchestra, at Dayton, Ohio, on November 17, Miss Miller's third consecutive engagement as soloist with this organization. son, this popular contralto will appear in recital in the



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#### Persinger Plays for the Children of Coburg.

Louis Persinger, the American violinist, who is to return to his native country this autumn for an extended tour, is back in Coburg, Germany, where he lives while in Europe. The accompanying picture shows the artist on the balcony of his home, where, on fine days, he practises



LOUIS PERSINGER PRACTISING IN THE OPEN.

and delights the children of Coburg, and many of the rown ups as well, who assemble around the house when Persinger plays.

The old church in the background of the picture is eight hundred years old. Persinger has played for all classes in Coburg and has frequently been entertained by

#### F. X. Arens Roughing It.

F. X. Arens, musical director of the People's Symphony Society, and vocal teacher of New York, has spent another



GREETINGS FROM F. X. ARENS.

oliday very profitably in the Far West. The accompany ing picture, taken somewhere out on the Pacific Coast, has been mailed to The Musical Couries, with the appended: "Greetings from a Nimrod." Mr. Arens is the rider at the left of the picture; the young man is his youngest son.

#### BOSTON SYMPHONY WANTS JULIA CULP.

The Boston Symphony Orchestra wants Julia Culp, the Dutch lieder singer, for three concerts, one of them to take place at Symphony Hall, Boston, December 1, with Fritz Kreisler as the co-soloist. But Madame Culp finds that she cannot come to this country before the first of January, as she is unable to cancel her European dates. The renowned singer, however, will sing twice with the Boston Orchestra after the new year. January 10 is the date of her New

Antonia Sawyer, Madame Culp's manager, has closed a tour of ten concerts through Michigan and Ohio for her star singer, in addition to the appearances mentioned on another page of this issue of The Musical Courier.

#### Helen von Doenhoff in Merry Mood.

Helen von Doenhoff, the contralto, singing teacher and operatic coach, is still enjoying her vacation at her summer



HELEN VON DOENHOFF AND THE BABY

home in Pine Hill, Catskill Mountains, N. Y. Before the amateur photographer appeared to make a snapshot of Madame von Doenhoff she was singing a lullaby to Master von Doenhoff (not yet two years old), a son of Albert von Doenhoff, the pianist, of New York.

Madame von Doenhoff was in a merry mood as the artist took the picture. She writes that she will be back at her New York studio, 1186 Madison avenue, within ten days, and that she will have her largest class since she retired from the stage to devote herself to teaching.

Waldemar von Baussnern's symphony, "Youth," was accorded a very friendly reception at Kreuznach.



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#### GIRLS WHO LONG FOR PARIS.

[New York Evening Sun.] PARIS, August 26, 1012.

The question has often arisen among Americans who are lived and traveled much on the Continent whether the American girl is refined and in the long run benefited through contact with other nationalities or foreign soils, and each time the answer is an emphatic "No." If a girl of sane judgment and wholesome mind journeys abrostudy art and sticks to her lessons and study, she will have no time to look into the real or dark side of things. But there is a vast number of persons who cling to the argument that in gaining knowledge of any branch of art a big amount of chaff must mingle with the wheat and be ground unconsciously by the student, although without this chaff the student would be far sweeter and healthier minded. Vice and immorality exist in America without doubt, but it is cloaked and young people are protected against it, while in European countries the most casual observer does not have to be told of its existence. In Paris it is always manifest.

There has been this year about 5,000 American girls in Paris, a large per cent. of the number following some branch of art. Of the latter, exceedingly few are serious workers, meaning to go home when their tuition is at an end and put to profit what they have learned. The girls range in age from twenty to thirty-five. The girls who are not actual workers are here for travel and association, though for the latter they might as well stay in their own home town, for a large majority of the pensionnaires both in hotels and boarding houses are their own country peo-

A few Americans may be found in French families, where they go to learn the language and to be "in French What is meant by the latter is difficult of atmosphere. comprehension, unless it is to absorb some of the temperament and artistic ideas of the French, and I have never heard of any girl staying long enough in any place to get much of either. Once in Paris she means to stay until sure she has caught some of the French spirit. If she is taking singing lessons she insists upon having a French companist, where she could employ a stranded American to play fully as well for half the price. The accompanist does not speak English, and only guesses at what she suggests: but he is French, which means that all inefficiencies must be ignored.

The young American girl enters a boarding school, if her parents can afford it, for schools are high priced in But that is the only way to install a foreigner, for Paris. generally such schools are well conducted, and one meets American and English girls of the better classes there. There used to be a time when every moneyed American girl aspired to get into Notre Dame des Oiseaux, and to be trained to repose of manner and distinction of carriage the aristocratic nuns; but that famed convent, with other religious orders, is closed, and the American girl must seek a polish elsewhere.

Pupils do not learn much at boarding schools here. The main idea in sending girls abroad by their parents is to have them chaperoned while in Paris and at the same to make desirable acquaintances. The girls who study hard are the art and piano students, and the former live in the Latip Quarter, putting up at the American Girls' Club or at the Hostel. The club has in past days saved many a poor student from starvation or perhaps a worse fate. As every one knows, Mrs. Whitelaw Reid established the institution when her husband was Ambassador The club still exists in the same building The low price of rooms and the cheap restaurant, while a blessing in one way, proved too seductive in another, and to keep American girls at home and raise the club to a certain dignity, Mrs. Reid had to change things a bit. Now, it is something of a fashionable pension, the table the best in the Latin Quarter, and when the income doés not meet the expenses—as it rarely does—the founder pays the deficit. So, from being a lodging place for poor students, the club has blossomed into an establishment for girls in easy circumstances who are in Paris for art as an accomplishment. The hard workers put up at the Hostel, also established by an American, Mrs. John Jacob Hoff. Scholarships are given serious students, and girls of all nationalities are among the fifty students who live in the house, though another fifty go there for meals, for which only a nominal sum is charged.

The American girl who is here "studying for opera" has ceased to be taken seriously. So few of them ever "arrive" or are heard of after their departure that the American colony has ceased asking what has become of them. Prices are so low at the three opera houses in Paris and the drudgery work so degrading, that the girls of dignity and morals could not possibly win. Germany more than France is now the mecca for girls with voices who wish go about getting an engagement in the correct way, Many girls find out, too late, that they have brought their goods to a poor market, but hoping some unforeseen luck may send things their way, they continue to stay on until naining in Paris actually appears to become a disease.

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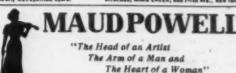


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The fall term at the various Chicago musical institutions will begun Monday, September 9, and the private studios will open on the same day. From information secured all through the Middle West it is predicted that the season will be a record breaking one. The enormous crops will bring much money to the farmers of the Northwest, Iowa and Illinois, and money will be spent freely in educating their children and sending them to musical schools in Chicago, Minneapolis, St. Paul, St. Louis and other big musical centers in this region. Several new teachers are coming to Chicago to reinforce the ranks of the already well known instructors; a few minor changes have occurred in a few of the schools, some teachers leaving to open private studios, while others having private dios have signed contracts under the banners of musical institutions. Many of the Chicago teachers who went to Europe for their summer vacations are back, or their way to Chicago, and by next Monday the fall season will be in full bloom, with all the popular teachers who are so often mentioned in these columns busy, while others will vegetate and make but a hare living. This is due to the fact that they are unknown or their mode of living not quite up to the requisite of parents, who not only look into the musical education of a teacher and his method but also inquire as to his moral and financial standing There are several teachers here whose morals have reflected on the profession, and others are known to borrow money from pupils and are known never to pay their bills. . . .

Theodore S. Bergey, director of the Bergey Chicago Opera School, in the Fine Arts Building, has just returned from a three months' sojourn in Europe, where he investigated the different methods of vocal training in France, Mr. Bergey looks the picture of health and looks forward to a very busy season.

. . Albert Borroff, the well known Chicago basso, married Anna Allison Jones, a Chicago contralto, early in August. . .

Theodore Worcester, the well known pianist, will be the soloist with the Theodore Thomas Orchestra, at Aurora, Ill., on Tuesday, October 29.

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Harry Weissbach, violinist, has been engaged as first concertmaster of the Theodore Thomas Orchestra.

The Apollo Musical Club, of Chicago, will open its forty-first season by an extra concert on Sunday afternoon,

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November 3, at the Auditorium Theater, when Mendelsson's "Elijah" will be given with Luella Chilson Ohrman, soprano; Nevada van der Veer, contralto; Reed Miller, tenor, and Clarence Whitehill, baritone. The first of the regular concerts will be given on Friday evening, Decem-27, and the second on Sunday afternoon, December 29, with a presentation of "The Messiah," with Agnes Kimball, soprano; Arthur Hackett, tenor, and Frank Croxton. The third concert will be given on Monday evening, February 24, when "Ruth," by Schumann, will be personally conducted by the celebrated composer, Georg Schumann, who is being brought to America by the Apollo Club especially for this occasion. The soloists will be Florence Hinkle, soprano; Arthur Middleton, basso, and Roseli Wirthlin, contralto. The fourth and last concert will be given on Monday evening, April 7, when Berlioz's "Damnation of Faust" will be presented, with Mabel Sharp Her-dien, soprano; Paul Althouse, tenor; Leon Raines, bari-tone, and Herbert Miller, baritone. All concerts will be assisted by the Theodore Thomas Orchestra, Arthur Dun-ham, organist. Harrison M. Wild will conduct every performance with the exception of "Ruth," though Mr. Wild will rehearse his forces up to the last moment, when he will relinquish the baton to Georg Schumann.

. . Arthur Burton has returned from his vacation, and will resume his teaching at his studio in the Fine Arts Building en Monday, September 9.

Carl D. Kinsey, secretary of the Apollo Musical Club, of Chicago, has sent out a prospectus asking for singers for the Apollo Club. Only those persons having good voices and who read music at sight will be accepted. The pro-spectus furthermore says that "there is certainly no better musical training for any singer than membership in a great organization of 300 voices, like the Apollo Club, and it is expected the present season will be the best in the history of the club." No initiation fees or annual dues are re-No initiation fees or annual dues are required, only regular attendance at rehearsals and concerts being demanded. The concerts will be given at the Audim Theater. For the list of oratorios to be given and soloists, see elsewhere in these columns.

Katherine Allan Lively, the pianist, begins the season early this year, starting with a series of joint recitals October 7, with the violin soloist, Alexander Saslarsky, of the New York Symphony Orchestra, and several engagements in November with Madame Jane Osborn Hannah, erine Llveiy will also appear with several clubs in the Middle West as soloist and later will play a series in Texas before leading clubs of that State. . . .

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Anton Foerster, pianist, is seriously ill and will not be able to resume his duties at the Chicago Musical College during the next season. Mr. Foerster has canceled all his engagements for the year. A breakdown following a walk up to Pike's Peak is said to be his ailment.

Kirk Towns, the well known baritone, will give a song recital under the auspices of the Elks at Sioux City on September 12. The other soloist on the program will be Marion Chase Schaeffer, monologist.

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Louise Ormsby Thompson entertained Sibyl Sammis Mac-Dermid, soprano, and her husband, James G. MacDermid, pianist-composer, in Central City, Neb., during their visit there, and on Sunday, August 25, drove them by automobile from Central City to Stromsberg, Neb., where they appeared at a Chautauqua. RENE DEVRIES.

#### Bernthaler Ends Brilliant Season.

Carl Bernthaler, conductor of the Pittsburgh Festival Orchestra, which has been filling an engagement of even ing concerts on the lawn of the Schenley Hotel, concluded the season on August 23. This was the fourth season of this popular organization and the farewell week was one of the most attractive of the series. The last program, which follows, is a fine sample of those arranged by Mr. Bernthaler:

Swedish Glee Club, Ernst Francke, director,

Overture, Tannhäuser
Two intermezzi from Jewels of the Madonna
Symphonic poem, Les PreludesLiszi
Vart Land (Our Land) Swedish national air Josephson
Suomi's Song, Finnish national airPacius
Ur VagenBellman
Swedish Glee Club.
Overure, FestLassen
Violin solo, Ballade and Polonaise
Mr. Bloom.
Strideban (Battle Hymn) Lindblad

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A perusal of this musical scheme discloses a fine sense of the proper adjustment and fitness of things as well as an uncommon cleverness in grouping numbers that are both pleasing and interesting. During the ten weeks in which this orchestra presented music in splendid fashion, many new compositions were introduced, while the old favorites were not neglected. At the concert on August 16, D'Indy's "Serenade" op. 16, No. 1, and "Valse" op. No. I were played, also Debussy's "Petite Suite" in four movements, the last mentioned two pieces for the first time in Pittsburgh. Liszt's piano concerto in E flat, Iljynsky's "Fragment Symphonic" and Cyril Kistler's "Valse Serenade" (new) were also heard. The evident desire of Mr. Bernthaler to impart a musical message of import in an artistic manner has won him hosts of admirers and staunch friends.

It is during the aftermath that reflections are in order. the most conspicuous being that in Carl Bernthaler, Pittsburgh has a most able conductor, and a musician of large calibre; that the orchestra is first class and that the management has been all that could be desired. This reflection has resulted in a few real music lovers starting a petition (which has been signed by the members of the to keep Mr. Bernthaler in Pittsburgh, as he sails for Europe the end of September and may be per-suaded to accept an appointment abroad. Pittsburgh cannot afford to permit this, for it would result seriously, if not disastrously for that community, as Mr. Bernthaler has done a marvelous work in the "smoky city." He has been thoroughly in sympathy with the peculiar musical situation there, and has devoted his time and his art in aid of the cause, besides encouraging local towns with a vim, and enthusiasm which ought not to be discounted or overlooked. He has risen above discouragement and overcome stupendous obstacles to say nothing of com-batting considerable personal prejudice. The public, however, has recognized this, his sterling qualities and his worth, and a readjustment is imminent. All are realizing that Mr. Bernthaler is with them in a common interest. and have finally awakened to the fact that Pittsburgh needs him, and thus has begun the movement to keep him where he fittingly and properly belongs—at the head of a Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra permanent which will be a credit to the city and numbered amon other such bodies that are influencing for the good of the world of art and the uplift of mankind.

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#### Minneapolis School of Music, Oratory and Dramatic Art.

Monday morning. September 2, marked the opening of the regular school year of the Minneapolis School of Music. Oratory and Dramatic Art. William H. Pontius and Charles M. Holt, the directors, announce an encouragingly large registration. The regular classes in harmony, history, ear culture and diction are scheduled to begin this The faculty recitals will be given each Saturday morning at 11 o'clock throughout the school year. These events are open to the musical public without charge.

Giuseppe Fabbrini arrived from Naples, Italy, September 7, and has begun his second year with the school. Signor Fabbrini has a number of pending dates for concerts and recitals which are to be given before the holidays. He will give a program for the regular Saturday morning series of recitals in October. During his absence in Europe he gave a number of recitals throughout his native country

Harrison Wall Johnson has arrived from Berlin, fresh from his studies with Busoni, and has entered upon his duties as professor of piano. He is announced to give a program on Saturday. September 21, at 11 o'clock, in the school recital hall. Friends of the school will be admitted without charge.

The first faculty program for the school year was given Saturday morning, September 7, by Edna Brunius Funk, pianist, and Mrs. G. W. Critten, contralto, and Kate Mork, The event attracted a large audience of students, former pupils and friends of the school. Miss Funk, who is a pupil of Louis Bachner, of the Peabody Institute, spent part of the summer coaching with Ernest Hutcheson, also of the Peabody Institute, was in fine form and spirits and gave an excellent reading of all of her numbers, especially the Chopin group, which she played with exquisite taste and artistic finish. Mrs. Critten, the possessor of a highly cultivated voice, sang with great earnestness, her excellent phrasing and clear enunciation being distinguishing features of her work of the morning. Miss Mork supported the singer with sympathetic accompaniments. The program follows:

Still wie die Nacht	Bohm
Dein	Bohm
	Reger
	Mrs. Critten.
Four preludes	
C many minus seasons	Miss Funk.
Hungarian melodies-	
Folksong	
O'er the Forest Rain	Clouds Lower
	Mrs. Critten.
Sonetta di Petrarch	Liszt
Waldesrauschen	Liszt
	Miss Funk.
The Wind Speaks	
	Mrs. Critten.

The following program will be given next Saturday morning by Ruth Anderson, violinist, supported by Wilma Anderson-Gilman, pianist:

Three poems (Hungarian) .	
Fantasia (Scotch)	
Clair de Lune, from the ope	ra Werther (French) Massenet
Ave Maria (German)	Schubert-Wilhelmj
Serenade (American)	Macmurray

Gertrude Reeves, who has spent the past three years as a student in the Leipsic Conservatory, under Herr Teich-muller, returned last week and will resume her duties with the school. Miss Reeves is already booked to give a number of recitals in the Northwest in the near future, and she is announced to give a program for the regular faculty series early in November.

#### Austins to Study Abroad.

Florence Austin, the American violinist, and her sister Marion, popular as a pianist, have completed arrangements for a period of study in Europe during the next

Marion Austin sails September 18, and will go direct to Berlin, where she expects to remain for a year or two. She gives up a good position as organist of Second Church of Christ, Scientist, in Minneapolis, which very reluctantly accepted her resignation.

Florence Austin will join her sister in April, as her engagements here will not permit her to leave before the They will proceed to Loschwitz, or wherever Profeasor Auer happens to be, and with whom Florence will study as long as he teaches, probably until the fall. Then she will work with Sevcik. She will resume her studio work in New York this week. The sisters The sisters have been enjoying the summer on their father's estate in Minneapolis. The time was spent in practice and playing, the recreation hours being devoted to canoeing, riding and motoring. Both young ladies are eagerly anticipating the trip abroad and expect to make excellent progress in their art.

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October 25—Marie Rappold, soprano, Metropolitan Opera. November 8—Cornelius van Vliet, solo cellist of the orchestra. November 22—Efrem Zimbalist, Russian violinist.

November 22-Efrem Zimbalist, Russian violinist. December 6-Margaret Keyes, American contralto.

December 20-Xaver Scharwenka, composer-pianist

January 3-Richard Czerwonky, concertmaster of the orchestra January 3.—Richard Czerwonky, concertmaster of the or January 17.—To be announced.

January 31.—Mischa Elman, Russian violinist.

February 7.—Leon Rains, basso, Royal Ogera, Dresden.

February 28.—Max Pauer, German pianist.

March 14.—Carrie Bridewell, American contralto.

March 28.—Tina Lerner, Russian pianist.

In order to take care of the desirable engagements offered, it has been found necessary to extend the coming Eastern tour to three weeks, and this will necessitate a slight change in the plan of the Friday evening concerts. The usual two weeks interval between these concerts will prevail with two exceptions. There will be an interval of one week only between the eighth and ninth, and an interval of three weeks between the ninth and tenth con-

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November 10—Kirk Towns, baritone.
November 17—Mildred Potter, contralto.
November 24—Mrs. Truman Aldrich, Jr., planist.
December 1—Elsie Baker, contralto.

December 8-Carl Scheurer, violinist, second concertmaster of the

Emil Oberhoffer, the musical director, has planned remarkable programs for the season. The officers and directors of the Minneapolis Orchestral Association are:

Elbert L. Carpenter, president; Edmund J. Phelpa, vice president; Charles N. Chadbourn, secretary and treasurer. Board of directors: Russell M. Bennett, John S. Bradstreet, Hazen J. Burton, Elbert L. Carpenter, George C. Christian, Hovey C. Clarke, William H. Dunwoody, Alfred F. Pillabury, Edward C. Gale, William H. Harris, Thomas B. Janney, Edmund J. Phelpa, Charles S. Pillsbury, Eugene M. Stevens, Frederick B. Wells. Wendell Heighton is manager, and Carlo Fischer, associate

#### George Hamlin's Outdoor Summer.

George Hamlin, of the Chicago-Philadelphia Opera Company, and his family will arrive in Chicago about September 18, returning from a motor trip in the East. Leaving Chicago the last of June, Mr. Hamlin motored to Lake Placid in the Adirondack, where he spent about eight weeks working on his new opera roles and preparing for the coming season. As a conclusion to his su ing, he is enjoying two weeks of sea bathing at Cape May, N. J., from where he will motor to Chicago.

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Modest Altschuler, etc. Lately he played before Prof. Leopold Auer, who, after hearing this young man, wrote the following message to Mr. Frederiksen: "My sincerest compliments to you upon having produced a pupil who plays so strictly weil."

Mr. Paley is now studying with Professor Auer, who introduced him to his pupils at a large party in Dresden, calling Mr. Paley "the coming one."

Mr. Frederiksen on August 3, 1912, received the following letter from Mrs. William Paley, mother of the young

We take this means of congratulating you upon our son's success, as we feel his success to come all due to the foundation received under your guidance. As you previously said, Ben is bound to succeed and we feel you deserve the credit for your great teaching and fame must come to you we are sure as America's greatest instructor. We have received a letter from Mr. Aner in which he speaks very highly of your scholar and asks us to kindly pay his compliments to you for your most excellent teaching. This surely receive you for your bard work, and as son as we return from

Lakeside shall put our younger boy in your care and feel confident that you will make a player out of him as you did be...

Mr. Frederiksen is a very well known violinist, not only in this country, but also in Europe, where he resided for many years. Among those who endorse Mr. Frederiksen may be mentioned Dr. Karl Muck, who wrote of him:

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Others who endorse Mr. Frederiksen, who is a diplomée of the Royal Conservatory, of Leipsic, and a pupil of Emil Sauret and Martin Marsick, are Walter Damrosch, Henry Wood, Alberto Randegger, August Manns, and many ther well known musicians.

Mrs. Grace Frederiksen, pianist and holder of the first Liszt scholarship and associate, Royal Academy of Music, of London, and a pupil of Prof. Karl Klindworth, of Berlin, will teach piano in the Fine Arts Building. Fredericksens are anticipating a big year, as already many Chicago and out of town pupils have registered for the

#### Schnitzer Engaged by Cincinnati Orchestra.

Germaine Schnitzer, the Viennese pianist, has been en-gaged to appear as soloist with the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra at its Dayton, Ohio, concert, March 4, 1913.

#### Adah Sampson-Thomas Back in Pittsburgh.

Adah Sampson-Thomas, the vocal teacher of Pitts-burgh, has returned to her work in that city after a pleasant vacation in the East.

#### Bernhard Ziehn.

(By Telegraph.)

Ill., Seriembe: 0, 1912.

To The Musical Courier, New York: a send Bernhard Ziehn, the world renowned musical theorist. died in Chicago, Sunday, at his residence, 172 Eugenie street, from cancer of the throat. He was the teacher of Wilhelm Middleschulte, Fannie Bloomfield Zeisler. Hans von Schiller, Eleanor Everest Freer, and a life long friend of Theodore Thomas and Frederick Stock and Modulation" was perhaps Ziehn's most important work. The deceased was born at Erfurt, Germany, January 20, 1845. The funeral will be held Tuesday from his late residence and the interment will be at Graceland,

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#### Rufus Fearing Dawes.

Rufus Fearing Dawes, the only son of Charles G. Dawes, resident of the Central Trust Company of Minois, philanthropist, composer and one of the principal backers of the Chicago Grand Opera Company, was drowned last Thursday, September 5, while swimming in Lake Geneva. He was twenty-one years old and a senior in Princeton University.

#### Dan Beddoe Under Johnston Management.

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